THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 13th August 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Short notice questions.

Retrenchment of workers in the Commonwealth Textile Factory, Kozhikode.

* 1326-A *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the management of the Commonwealth Textile Factory, Kozhikode, have decided to retrench 140 workers from the factory in violation of provisions of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act and Factories Act;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have made any efforts at conciliation in the matter and with what result?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"(*a*) The management of the Commonwealth Textile Factory, Kozhikode, propose to retrench certain number of workers, but there is no information whether they are proposing to do it in violation of the provisions of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act and Factories Act.

"(*b*) The Labour Officer has already commenced conciliation in the matter and it is pending with him."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN:—"Are the Government aware that the management wanted to retrench the workers in order to cut their wages, refuse bonus to them and to treat them as casual workers so that they might not get any benefit according to the laws prevalent? If so, will the Government be pleased to take action and see that this kind of retrenchment is stopped?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"These complaints are before the Labour Officer who is trying conciliation. The Government will take suitable action on receipt of a report from him."

Accident at the Vincent Industrials, Kozhikode.

* 1326-B *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that five workers of the St. Vincent Industrials, Kozhikode, received severe injuries and burns on 28th July 1954 while on duty;

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(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) what measures the Factory Inspector has taken for preventing the recurrence of these incidents?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) While the workers were operating the tilting and pouring molten iron from the ladle into the feeder of the mould, they lost their balance and poured the metal over the casting. In their fright they left the ladle to tilt over, allowing the molten metal to run on the ground. The Assistant Manager, who was guiding the casting, immediately ordered the workers to run for safety and while doing so, they tripped over other mounds nearby and got their feet burnt by the molten metal.

" (*c*) The Regional Inspector of Factories, Kozhikode, who inspected the factory and made a detailed inquiry into the accident, has already issued detailed instructions to the management to avoid recurrence of such incidents."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that, according to the Factories Act, the management will have to supply protective gloves to workers? In this case, the management did not supply them to the workers. That was why they got severe injuries. Will the Government be pleased to note this and ask the management to supply protective gloves to the workers? Will they also take action against the management for this negligence? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government are examining the report of the Factory Inspector. The Regional Inspector of Factories, Kozhikode, has already issued the following orders to the management :—

(*a*) to provide gear arrangement to ladles to give the operators better control over the pouring process;

(*b*) to have all unnecessary wooden and iron frames, rubbish, etc., removed from the vicinity of the moulds before starting casting work on casting days; and

(*c*) to have the chains of the overhead cranes and those by which ladles are supported, to be got examined once in twelve months."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Will the Government be pleased to see that compensation is paid to the workers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government will see that the workers get whatever compensation they are entitled to."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the management of the St. Vincent Industrials, Kozhikode, are incessantly violating the rules and regulations under the Trade Union Act on the plea that it is a charitable institution? Have the Government received any representation with regard to the same from any of the M.L.As.? "

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The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

Issue of Civil Services (Safeguarding of National Security) Rules, 1954.

* 1326-C *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the circumstances leading to the issue of the new rules called the Civil Services (Safeguarding of National Security) Rules, 1954;

(*b*) what other rules are in force either under Article 309 or 313 of the Constitution governing the conditions of service of the State Government servants; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House all these rules?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Madras Civil Services (Safeguarding of National Security) Rules, 1954, have been issued following the rules, issued by the Government of India, known as the Civil Services (Safeguarding of National Security) Rules, 1953. They are not a new set of rules but a revised edition of certain rules that were in force from 1949.

" (*b*) All rules governing the conditions of service of members of the State and the Subordinate Services were issued under Section 241 of the Government of India Act, 1935, and they have been continued in force by Article 313 of the Constitution. After coming into force of the Constitution, these rules are being re-issued under the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution. So far 21 sets of rules have been re-issued.

" (*c*) In view of the labour and cost involved, it is not possible to place a copy of the rules so far re-issued, on the table of the House immediately."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்ன பதிலிலிருந்து இந்த விதிகள் 1949-ம் வருஷத்திலேயே இயற்றப்பட்டு மீண்டும் வெளியிடப்பட்டதாகச் சொன்னார்கள். இந்திய அரசியல் சட்டத்தில் 311-வது பிரிவின்படி இந்த மாகாணத்தில் சிப்பந்திகளை தண்டிப்பதற்கோ, வேலையிலிருந்து நீக்குவதற்கோ நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கும்போது அவர்களின் குற்றச்சாட்டுகள் ஒவ்வொன்றாக நிரூபிக்கப்படவேண்டும் என்பதை புறக்கணித்து வெளியிட்டிருப்பதன் அவசியம் என்ன ?"

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If it is repugnant to the provisions of the Constitution, no court will uphold it. But we are quite satisfied that this is in consonance with the provisions of the Constitution."

Revival of tramways.

10-10 a.m. * 1326-D *Q*.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken a final decision with regard to the revival of tramways;

(*b*) if so, what is the nature of the decision; and

(*c*) if no decision has been taken, how long it will take for the Government for arriving at a final decision?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) A decision will be taken shortly."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, டிராம்வேயை எடுத்து நடத்தவேண்டிய விஷயமாக ஒரு விதமான முடிவுக்கும் வரவில்லை என்று சொல்லுகிறார்கள். நேற்று நான் இதை சபையின் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவந்திருக்கிறேன். டிராம்வே சொத்துக்கள் விற்கப்பட்டு, அவைகள் அகற்றப்பட்டுக்கொண்டு இருக்கின்றன. இது சம்பந்தமாக சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is a separate question with reference to the proceedings in the court and I have already answered it. I don't think the Hon. Minister in charge of Local Administration will be able to answer it."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question has come up before the House a number of times on previous occasions."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I will not ask any question pertaining to the case that is said to be pending before the court. Recently, did not the Corporation of Madras come to a decision that they will run the tram service and did they approach the Government for any aid? If so, what was the reaction of the Government of Madras? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is also under the consideration of the Government."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" According to the statement of the Hon. Minister for Local Administration, are not the tramways dead beyond revival and redemption, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" He made a statement taking into account facts within his knowledge. It was his individual opinion and not the opinion of the Government as a whole."

SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" ஸார், சமீபத்தில் டிராம்வே தொழிலாளர்கள் பிரதிநிதிகள் கனம் முதல் மந்திரி அவர்களைச் சந்தித்த போது கூடுமானவரையில் குறைந்த சம்பளம் கொடுத்தாலும் வேலை செய்வதாக ஒத்துக்கொண்டது உண்மையா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" ஸார், 28-ம் தேதி கனம் ராமசாமி படையாச்சி அவர்கள் பொதுக் கூட்டத்தில் பேசும்போது டிராம்வேயை தாங்கள் நடத்த முடியாது என்று சொல்லி இருக்கிறார். 29-ம் தேதி டிரேட் யூனியன் பிரதிநிதிகள் கனம் காமராஜ் அவர்களை சந்தித்தபோது அதைப்பற்றி ஒன்றும் முடிவு செய்யவில்லை என்று சொன்னதாக தெரிய வருகிறது. கனம் ராமசாமி படையாச்சி சொன்னதற்கும் அவர் சொன்னதற்கும் சம்பந்தம் இல்லை என்று சொன்னார். பிறகு குடியாத்தத்திலிருந்து வந்ததும் தம்மிடம் கனம் காமராஜர் வந்த தூதகோஷ்டியிடனிம் 'நாங்கள் சீக்கிரம் இந்த மாதத்திற்குள் ஒரு முடிவுசெய்கிறோம்' என்று சொல்லி இருக்கிறார். அதனால் மந்திரிகளுக்குள் முரண்பாடுகள் இருக்கின்றன. ஏன் உண்மையை மறைக்கவேண்டும்? ஏன் எடுத்து நடத்த முடியாது என்று ஜனங்களுக்குத் தெரிவித்துவிடக்கூடாது என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Hon. Minister was expressing his own individual opinion. Even Ministers are entitled to express their individual opinion in certain matters. As for the Government's decision, we have already stated that no final decision has yet been taken."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" ஸார், கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லும்போது ஒரு முடிவிற்கு வரப்போகிறோமே என்று சொல்லப்பட்டது. ஆனால் தற்போது யந்திரங்கள் அகற்றப்படுகின்றன. அதனால் பொதுவாக டிராம்வேயை அரசாங்கம் எடுத்து ஓட்ட முடிவு செய்யப்போகிறதா அல்லது அதை நடத்தாமல் இருக்க முடிவு செய்யப்போகிறதா என்று கேட்க ஆசைப்படுகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This matter will also be taken into consideration while coming to a decision."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கூறும் பதிலிலிருந்து டிராம்வேயை எடுத்து நடத்தப்போவது இல்லை என்று சர்க்கார் முடிவு செய்துவிட்டதாகத் தெரியவருகிறது. அந்த முடிவை ஏன் தாராளமாக, தைர்யமாக வெளியிடவில்லை? அப்படி வெளியிடுவதற்கு தைர்யம் இல்லை என்று தெளிவாகத் தெரிய வருகிறது. அப்படி இருக்கும்போது தொழிலாளர்களுக்குக் கிடைக்க வேண்டிய நஷ்டஈட்டை ஏன் வசூல் செய்து கொடுக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கவில்லை? அப்படி வசூல் செய்துகொடுக்க சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறது என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" When we take a decision, we won't be afraid of giving effect to it. The matter is that we have not yet come to a decision. Regarding payment of compensation to the labourers, a separate question may be put."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Public opinion seems to be that the Government are anxious to retain the bus service, and that is why they are not interested in reviving the tram service. May I know whether this is a fact? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not know to which public opinion the hon. Member is referring to. There is difference of opinion even among the public with regard to the running of the tram service."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the difference in personal opinion, are we to understand that there is difference among the Ministers also about this proposal? "

THE HON. C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Whatever opinion we may have individually, when it comes to the question of taking a final decision we will take it collectively."

Dispute between the workers and the management of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Madras.

* 1326-E *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received from the Trade Union of the workers of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Madras, that a number of workers were dismissed from service for availing of May Day Holiday after giving due notice;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a dispute is pending between the management and the workers before the Tribunal under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1950; and

(*c*) the action taken by the Government on the representation made by the Trade Union?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir. The Government have, however, received a representation from the Union complaining about the suspension of six employees of the company during the pendency of an appeal before the Labour Appellate Tribunal. The company have also represented that the workers have committed an offence by engaging in a strike while an appeal was pending.

" (*b*) An appeal in regard to the question of bonus for 1952 is reported to be pending before the Labour Appellate Tribunal of India.

" (*c*) The Government propose to await the decision of the Labour Appellate Tribunal on the petitions filed by the management and the union under sections 22 and 23, respectively, of the Industrial Disputes (Appellate Tribunal) Act, 1950."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ஆறு தொழிலாளர்களை டிஸ்மிஸ் செய்யப்பட்டிருப்பதை ஒப்புக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். மே தினத்தை விடுமுறையாகக் கொண்டாடவேண்டும் என்று கிளர்ச்சி செய்த குற்றத்தைக் காண்பித்து இந்த ஆறு தொழிலாளர்களும் டிஸ்மிஸ் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். சட்டப்படி இண்டஸ்டிரியல் கோர்ட் முன்பு விசாரணையில் இருக்கக்கூடிய சமயத்தில் மானேஜ்மெண்டார் இண்டஸ்டிரியல் கோர்ட் அனு தியின்றி டிஸ்மிஸ் செய்யக்கூடாது என்று சட்டம் இருந்தும் அனுமதி இல்லாமல் டிஸ்மிஸ் செய்திருப்பதை தடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்தது என்பதைக் கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is contended that it is only suspension. I think the union also agrees that it is suspension of employees during the pendency of the appeal. Both the management and the union are before the Labour Appellate Tribunal. This issue has already been

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raised. We are advised by our legal advisers that there are decisions of Labour Appellate Tribunals that suspension of workers during the pendency of appeal will not amount to punishment and there are decisions to the contrary also. Since the question is coming up before the Labour Tribunal for decision in the present case itself, we shall await the decision of the Tribunal.''

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சஸ்பென்ஷனில் இருப்பது பனிஷ்மெண்ட் ஆகாது என்று கனம மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார். அப்பெல்லட் ட்ரிபுனல் தீர்பபுகள் அப்படி இருப்பதாக லீகல் அட்வைசர் மந்திரிககுச சொன்னதாகச் சொன்னார். நான் கேட்க விரும்புவது என்னவென்றால், அவர்களுகககு சஸ்டென்ஷன் காலத்தில் சம்பளம் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறதா, அதுமட்டுமல்ல, அவர்களுடைய ஸ்டேடஸ் மாறாமல் இருக்கிறதா அந்த சஸ்பென்ஷன் காலத்தில், என்பதைக் கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்.''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am unable to answer the question put by the hon. Member. I have only pointed out that there are contrary decisions regarding the position about suspension of workers during the pendency of an appeal.''

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தக் கம்பெனியானது, அதாவது ஸ்டாண்டர்ட் வாகுவம் ஆயில் கம்பெனி ஒரு அமெரிக்க அன்னிய நாட்டுக் கம்பெனி. அது இந்த நாட்டின் மக்களுடைய நலலெண்ணததையும், மதப்பையும் பெறக்கூடியது. மத்திய சர்க்கார் மே தினத்தை விடுமுறையாகக் கருதவேண்டும் என்று ஒப்புக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அதையே பிரதம மந்திரியும் அடிக்கடி சொல்லிக் கொண்டு வருகிறார். மே தினத்தை விடுமுறையாகக் கொண்டாடுவது குற்றம் என்று அந்தக் கம்பெனி கருதுகிறதா ? அப்படி இருந்தால் அந்தக் கம்பெனி மீது என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க சர்க்கார் முடிவு செய்திருக்கிறது ?''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That question does not at all arise before the Government. The Government have to see what action they can take under the existing law and we are advised that we must await the decision of the Appellate Tribunal.''

(Question No. 1326-F appears on page 76.)

Separation of Judiciary from the Executive in Malabar.

* 126 [a] *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether details regarding the separation of the judiciary from the Executive in the district of Malabar have been finalised; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Certain decisions were reached in 1949 and they are being examined further.

" (*b*) The decisions reached in 1949 are as follows :—

On the revenue side one of the five existing revenue divisions, viz., Kozhikode, and four of the nine Deputy Tahsildars'

[a] Postponed from the list for 11th August 1954.

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charges, viz., Tirurangudi, Kunnamangalam, Kuttuparamba and Vayittiri will be abolished. The revenue divisions will be reconstituted as shown below :—

Divisions.		
Headquarters.		Taluks.
Tellicherry	..	Chirakkal, Kottayam, Wynaad and Kurumbranad.
Palghat	..	Ponnani and Palghat.
Cochin	..	Cochin.
Malappuram	..	Walluvanad, Ernad and Kozhikode.

On the magisterial side.—The district will be divided into four magisterial subdivisions, viz., (1) Cannanore, (2) Kozhikode, (3) Malappuram and (4) Palghat. The statement below shows the jurisdiction of the District Magistrates, Subdivisional Magistrates and Sub-Magistrates :—

	Magistrates.	Headquarters.	Jurisdiction (taluks).
1	District Magistrate.	Cannanore.	Chirakkal and Kottayam taluks excluding the limits of Police station at Panur.
2	Subdivisional Magistrate.	Kozhikode.	Kozhikode, Kurumbranad, Wynaad and limits of police station at Panur in Kottayam taluk.
3	Subdivisional Magistrate.	Malappuram.	Walluvanad and Ernad.
4	Do.	Palghat.	Palghat and Ponnani.

Second-class Magistrates.

1	Second-class Magistrate.	Cannanore	Chirakkal.
2	Do.	Badagara.	Kurumbranad.
3	Do.	Kuttuparamba.	Kottayam.
4	Do.	Vayittiri	Wynaad.
5	Do.	Kozhikode.	Kozhikode.
6	Do.	Manjeri.	Ernad (excluding Tirurangudi sub-taluk).
7	Do.	Perintalmanna.	Walluvanad (excluding Ottapalam sub-taluk).
8	Do.	Ponnani	Ponnani taluk (excluding Tirur sub-taluk).
9	Do.	Palghat I	Palghat taluk (excluding Alathur sub-taluk).

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	Magistrate.	Headquarters.	Jurisdiction. (taluk).
	Second class Magistrates—cont.		
10	Second-class Magistrate.	Palghat II.	Alathur sub-taluk and Ottapalam sub taluk.
11	Do.	Tirurangudi.	Tirurangudi sub-taluk and Tirur sub-taluk.

(Existing arrangements in Cochin for transaction of civil and criminal judicial work will be continued under the new set up.)"

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" With regard to the location of these courts and prescribing jurisdiction for them, may I know whether the Government will watch the working of the scheme and make necessary revisionary proposals as and when found necessary? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Since separation, Magistrates with only judicial functions have been appointed and, therefore, there has been a lessening in the number of courts. So jurisdiction of the court had to be re-arranged. In that, I am prepared to admit there might be some grievance here and there and some hardship might have been created. But, let us see for a while how this works and, if necessary, the whole matter will be gone into and necessary revisions and reorganizations may be made."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister be good enough to state whether he has received representations from the sub-tauk of Taliparamba in Chirakkal taluk that as the Second-class Magistrate's Court, Cannanore, is situated at about 20 to 25 miles' distance from certain areas of their place, they are put to great difficulty and that the Government may be pleased to locate it at Taliparamba, and if this is not possible, at least to hold the sitting of the court in that place for three days in a week?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have received numerous representations from all centres. If every representation is to be looked into, we should have 10 to 15 courts more. Unfortunately, it is not possible to do it. That is why I said, 'Let us see how the present arrangement works and if necessary revision can be made later on'."

Taxation Enquiry Commission.

* 1327 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 10-20 a.m.

(*a*) whether the Government have advised the Hon. Members of the Legislative Assembly and Council to give evidence before the Taxation Enquiry Commission which met at Madras in April 1954; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government through their representatives to press their view-points on the question of taxation on various subjects and commodities?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir. The Taxation Enquiry Commission itself selected the non-official witnesses heard by it.

" (b) The Taxation Enquiry Commission had discussions with the Ministers and Secretaries to Government, and adequate steps were taken to press the view-points of this Government through them."

Recommendations of the Industrial Health Advisory Committee.

* 1328 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri N. Ramakrishna Ayyar is not in his place. The answer to the question will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Union Government have made any recommendations to this Government to take steps to reduce the incidence of occupational diseases and health hazards in various industries; and

(b) if so, what the State Government have done to implement the recommendations?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have forwarded to this Government the recommendations of the Industrial Health Advisory Committee of the Indian Council of Medical Research for the creation of an Industrial Health Council and an Industrial Health Organization in all Major States having large scale industries.

" (b) The proposal is under the consideration of this Government."

Construction of bridges over the rivers Udayavar, Mulki and Pavanje between Mangalore and Udipi.

* 1329 Q.—SRI L. C. PAIS (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations during the visit of the Hon. Finance Minister to South Kanara that bridges over the rivers Udayavar, Mulki and Pavanje should be built between Mangalore and Udipi;

(b) whether there was an offer of Rs. 25 lakhs or the estimated cost as a loan to take up these works;

(c) whether there was a suggestion to collect tolls even after the construction of these bridges to make up a part of the cost; and

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(*d*) if so, the decisions taken by Government in respect of the above?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) & (*c*) There was no formal offer, Sir, on that occasion.

" (*d*) Does not arise. I may, however, add that the Government of India were requested to give a special grant to enable the State Government to take up the three bridges and they have agreed to meet the full cost of the works subject to maxima of Rs. 11 lakhs for the Pavanji bridge, Rs. 11·70 lakhs for the Mulki bridge and Rs. 15·60 lakhs for the Udayavar bridge. They have also stipulated that the works should not be commenced without their technical approval and financial sanction of the detailed estimates. The Chief Engineer has been asked to send the detailed estimates and plans."

Sithayancottai Water-supply Scheme for Dindigul.

* 1330 *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMY (on behalf of Sri V. Madanagopal) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Dindigul Municipal Council have sought financial help from the Government for the Sithayancottai Water-supply Scheme for Dindigul; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The plans and estimates for the scheme are now under preparation and after they are ready, the question of financing the scheme will be considered."

Raising of State loans for financing development schemes.

* 1331 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government recently sought information from the Government of India as to how the programme of the State for raising loans for its own development plans was to be fitted in with the National Loans?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes. The position is that the National Plan Loan has been issued for financing the development schemes of India as a whole, and the Government of India have agreed to make available to this Government adequate sums for financing the capital expenditure included in the State Plan. There will, therefore, be no separate issue of the Madras Loan in this year."

Geological survey of Malabar.

* 1332 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any scheme to conduct a geological survey to explore the mineral resources of Malabar district ; and

(*b*) if so, the attempts so far made in that direction?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir, the Geological Survey of India Department of the Government of India have reported that the mineral survey of the Malabar district is now in progress. The occurrence of lignite and mica near Cannanore and amethyst in Kollengode has already been examined by the Geological Survey of India in 1944."

Reduction of ferry charges in South Kanara.

* 1333 *Q.*—Sri L. C. PAIS (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the request made to Hon. the Finance Minister during his last visit to South Kanara to reduce the present ferry charges to the pre-war level; and

(*b*) if so, what decisions have been arrived at?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Representations were made to the Minister for Finance to reduce the present ferry charges to pre-war level.

" (*b*) On an examination of the question, it has been decided there are no grounds to reduce the ferry charges."

Starting of a college in Mayuram.

* 1334 *Q.*—Sri K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any application from the trustees of Ambanathapuram Charities to start a college in Mayuram ; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not received any application from the trustees of the charities. But it is understood that the trustees are considering the question of starting a college."

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Increase in the bed strength of the Government Hospital, Ponneri.

* 1335 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of beds proposed to be increased in the Government Hospital at Ponneri and the details about the additional staff to be employed ; and

(*b*) the extent of additions to the building of the hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) There are no such proposals at present."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know, Sir, what the present strength of the beds and staff in Ponneri hospital is? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is not a hospital, Sir. It is only a dispensary."

Number of Ministers residing at Government quarters.

* 1336 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state how many Ministers are now residing in Government quarters and the names of those who are receiving house-rent allowance in cash?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Three Ministers are now residing in Government quarters free of rent . The following Ministers including the Chief Minister are receiving the house-rent allowance of Rs. 250 per mensem :—

(1) Sri K. Kamaraj Nadar,

(2) Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam,

(3) Sri C. Subramaniam,

(4) Raja Sri Shanmuga Rajeswara Sethupathi, and

(5) Sri B. Parameswaran."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, மந்திரிகள் உண்மையிலேயே வாடகை வீட்டில் குடியிருந்தால்தான் வீட்டு வாடகை அலவன்ஸ் பெறவேண்டுமென்ற விதி இருக்கிறதா ? மற்ற சர்க்கார் சிப்பந்திகள் விஷயத்தில் இப்படிப்பட்ட விதி இருக்கும்போது, இந்த விதி மந்திரிகள் விஷயத்தில் மட்டும் இல்லையா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. There is no such provision."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" சொந்த வீடுகளில் இருக்கக் கூடிய மந்திரிகளும் இந்த அலவன்ஸை ஏன் பெறவேண்டும் ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Because they are entitled to house-rent allowance under the Salaries Act."

SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Sir, does it apply to Assembly Members also? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. The Assembly Members are not entitled to house-rent allowance."

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Supply of power drills to ryots in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 1337 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government power drills in the State, which are in working condition and in actual use;

(*b*) the number of applications from ryots for the power drills pending before the District Collector, Tiruchirappalli, or before the Assistant Director of Industries and Commerce, Tiruchirappalli;

(*c*) the normal period of use of a drill by a ryot;

(*d*) whether any representation was received by the Government for the allotment of an additional power drill for Tiruchirappalli; and if so, whether any allotment was made; and

(*e*) how the order of allotment is fixed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Twenty, Sir.

" (*b*) The number of applications from ryots for the power drills pending before the District Collector, Tiruchirappalli is 31.

" (*c*) The normal period of use of a drill by a ryot cannot be fixed as it depends usually upon the hardness of the stratum drilled through, the depth at which springs are met with and the strength of the springs.

" (*d*) Yes, Sir. Two additional power drills have been allotted to Tiruchirappalli district.

" (*e*) The order of allotment is fixed every year by the Collector in consultation with the District Planning Board."

Number of steamers calling at the Nagapattinam Port in a month.

* 1338 *Q.*—SRI S. VADIVELU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the number of steamers that were calling at the Nagapattinam Port in a fortnight or a month in the years 1939 to 1941 and in 1950 to 1953 April?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The average number of steamers that called at the Nagapattinam Port in a month and a fortnight in the years 1939 to 1941 and 1950 to 1953 April are :

1939 — 11	per month	and	5	per fortnight.
1940 — 6	,,		3	,,
1941 — 6	,,		3	,,
1950 — 3	,,		1	,,
1951 — 5	,,		2	,,
1952 — 4	,,		2	,,

1953 (up to April) 5 per month and 2 per fortnight.

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Sri N. SIVARAJ :—" ஸார், நாகப்பட்டிணம் துறைமுகமானது சமீப காலத்தில் சர்க்காரால உதாசீனப்படுத்தப்பட்டு வருகிறது. அங்கு அதிகமான கப்பல்கள் வந்து ஏற்றுமதியும இறக்குமதியும் பெருகுவதற்கு நாகப் பட்டிணம் துறைமுகத்தை அபிவிருத்தி செய்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ?"

Mr. SPEAKER :—" இதற்கும் மூலக் கேள்விக்கும் சம்பந்தம் இல்லாமல் இருக்கிறதே ! If the Hon. Minister wants to answer the question, I have no objection."

(The Hon. Minister was heard to say, ' A separate question may be put.')

(Sri K. Vinayakam and another member stood up to put the next question No. 1339 on behalf of Sri Mookkiah Thevar.)

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Mookkiah Thevar is in his place. Why should another hon. Member put his question? "

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, by way of abundant caution, he told me in the veranda to put his question on his behalf in case he should be late in coming to his seat."

Erasure of the inscriptions of the names of the donors on the lights in the Meenakshiamman temple, Madurai.

* 1339 *Q.*—Sri K. MOOKKIAH THEVAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of lights—tube and dome—donated to the Meenakshiamman temple in Madurai by individuals;

(*b*) whether the names of such donors have been inscribed on such lights;

(*c*) whether Hon. the Prime Minister of India during his recent visit to the temple suggested the erasure of these inscriptions; and

(*d*) if so, whether the Government have carried out the suggestions of Hon. the Prime Minister?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Six tube lights and thirteen dome lights have been donated to Sri Meenakshiamman Devasthanam.

" (*b*) Names of donors have been inscribed on all lights except two tube lights.

" (*c*) No. The Prime Minister objected generally to any form of advertisement in temples, and referred to a specific neon sign.

" (*d*) Does not arise."

SRI K. MOOKKIAH THEVAR :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, அவ்வளவு ப்ரமமாண்டமான மதுரைக் கோயிலைக் கட்டியவர்கள் கூட தங்களுடைய பெயரை அங்கு போடடுக்கொள்ளாதபோது, ஐந்து ரூபாய் செலவில விளக்குகளைப் போடடுவிட்டு வியாபாரிகள் விளம்பரத்திற்காக தங்களுடைய பெயர்களைப் போட்டுக்கொள்வது நியாயமா ?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, as I said, we are removing the name of the person according to the instructions given by the Prime Minister."

Relief measures taken in connection with the fire accident in Tiruchirappalli in 1953.

* 1340 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the relief measures adopted by the Government in connexion with the fire accident that took place in the latter half of 1953 in the Municipal Wards Nos. 1 and 3 of Tiruchirappalli Municipality?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" A sum of Rs. 1,680 has been paid to 56 victims at the rate of Rs. 30 each towards the loss incurred in the fire accident which took place on 16th August 1953 at Pensioner's street, Sengulam village, in Ward No. I of Tiruchirappalli Municipality. There were no cases of fire accidents in Ward III during the period in question."

Introduction of permit system for entry into French Indian territories.

* 1341 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of India consulted this State Government regarding the permit system for those who wish to go to Pondicherry and other French Indian territories; and

(*b*) if so, what was the advice given by the State Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government consider that it is not in the public interest to give the information asked for."

Grant of special loan for the purchase of manure in South Arcot district.

* 1342 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount allotted for the grant of special loan for the purchase of manure in South Arcot district in the year 1953; and

(*b*) the amount actually sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Rs. 4,50,000 during 1953–54.

" (*b*) Rs. 3,93,750 during 1953–54."

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Sri A. Ratnam :—" எத்தனை விவசாயிகளுக்கு இந்தக் கடன் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு, எவ்வளவு வட்டி சர்க்காருக்குக் கிடைத்திருக்கிறது ? " 10-30 a.m.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I should not be expected to give all this information by way of answer to a supplementary question."

Maintenance of the Kundichera dam, Kottayam taluk, Malabar, by the Public Works Department.

* 1343 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representations from the ryots concerned to the effect that the annual bunding up work on the Kundichera dam (Kottayam taluk, Malabar district), should be carried out by the Public Works Department and that they should not be saddled with that burden and if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It was brought to the notice of the Government that the hon. Member, in his capacity as Chairman of the Kundichera Dam Advisory Committee, suggested at the meeting of the Malabar District Food Production Committee held on 13th October 1952, that the customary labour relating to the operation of the shutters in respect of the Kundichera Dam might be got done by the Government every year. The Government examined the above suggestion and issued orders directing the Public Works Department to attend to the maintenance of the dam for an initial period of two years at the cost of the Government."

Failure to take action against the ex-Manager of the Devasthanam at Ariyalur.

* 1344 *Q.*—

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Since the hon Member, Sri K. R. Viswanathan, is not in his place, answer to the question will be printed in the proceedings."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 142 (820), dated 13th March 1954, the reasons for not taking action against the ex-Manager of the Devasthanam at Ariyalur for alleged misappropriation while he was in service?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The misappropriation was brought to light only after the ex-Manager (Sri S. M. Balasubramaniam) was transferred to Sri Tirunendungulanathaswami temple, Tirunendungulam, Tiruchirappalli taluk. Sri Balasubramaniam did not join the new station but resigned and disappeared. His whereabouts could not be traced. Hence no action could be taken against him."

Import of rice in the State.

* 1345 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of rice required per year for the Residuary State;

(*b*) the quantity of rice procured in Tanjore district in the year 1953;

(*c*) the quantity of rice imported from Andhra State up to 30th March 1954 (for the year 1953–54); and

(*d*) the quantity of rice supplied by Burma during the years 1952–53 and 1954 to this State?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Finance) :—" The information required is as follows :—

(*a*) 304,000 tons.

(*b*) 71,538 tons.

(*c*) (i) 73,555 tons (from 1st January 1953 up to 31st December 1953).

(ii) 27,380 tons (from 1st January up to 31st March 1954).

(*d*) Figures relating to the import from Burma alone are not available. The following figures represent the imports from overseas sources, Burma, Siam, etc. :—

(i) 103,290 tons (from 1st April 1952 to 31st March 1953).

(ii) 980 tons (from 1st April 1953 to 31st March 1954)."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" பர்மா அரிசியை சென்னை ராஜ்யத்திற்கு இறக்குமதி செய்ய எந்த வியாபாரிக்கு லைசென்ஸ் அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, this does not arise out of the main question."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" The questions Nos. 1346 and 1347 may be answered together."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Yes."

Closure of the Poochi Vilas Cigar Factory, Thirumangalam, Madurai district.

* 1346 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether any representations were received from the workers of the Poochi Vilas Cigar Factory, Thirumangalam, Madurai district, against the closure of the factory, and, if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. The dispute has been referred to the Industrial Tribunal, Madurai, for adjudication."

* 1347 *Q.*—SRI V. MADANAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the Cigar Workers' Union of Thirumangalam regarding the threatened closure of Poochi Vilas Cigar Factory; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Attention is invited to my answer to Legislative Assembly starred question No. 1346 by Sri M. Kalyanasundaram, M.L.A."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" தொழிற் சங்கத்தில் முறையிட்டிருக்கும் எல்லா கோரிக்கைகளும் அட்ஜுடிகேஷனுக்கு விடப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா, அப்படியானால் என்னென்ன கோரிக்கைகள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I can give this information. Two issues were referred for adjudication, viz., whether the workers, who were on rolls on the date of closure of the factory, were entitled to compensation and if so, to what amount of compensation, and whether such workers were entitled to re-employment when the factory re-opened. I may tell the hon. Member that there has been an agreement between the management and the union. Of course, the Tribunal has given an award."

Construction of a bridge over a canal at Cuddalore O.T.

* 1348 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to construct a bridge over the canal at Cuddalore (Old Town) for the convenience of the fishermen living nearby?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The answer is in the negative."

Contribution to the Cochin Physical Culture Association by the Fort Cochin Municipality.

* 1349 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has refused to sanction the grant of Rs. 200 to the Cochin Physical Culture Association by the Fort Cochin Municipality and included in its budget for the year 1953–54; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

"(b) As the financial position of the municipal council according to its Budget Estimate for 1953–54 was not satisfactory sanction for the payment of the contribution was refused. The question whether the matter may be reconsidered is under consideration separately in view of the improvement of the financial position of the municipal council according to its Revised Estimate for 1953–54."

Party to the Members of the Taxation Enquiry Commission.

* 1350 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government gave any party to the Members of the Taxation Enquiry Commission on 30th April 1954; and

(*b*) if so, the expenses incurred thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) An expenditure of Rs. 390–3–6 was incurred."

Number of Harijans on the staff of the Fisheries Department in Malabar.

* 1351 *Q.*—SRI M. CHADAYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of Harijans in the categories of Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Petty Officers and Clerks in the Fisheries Department in Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors—Nil.

Petty Yard Officers—3.

Clerks—2."

Change in the rate of discount allowed to stamp vendors in municipal towns.

* 1352 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any change was made in the rate of discount allowed to stamp vendors in the municipal towns with a population of more than 40,000 or 50,000;

(*b*) if so, when the change was made;

(*c*) the loss sustained by the Government now on account of this change; and

(*d*) whether the change of rate was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes. The rates of discount were reduced from 6 pies to 4 pies per rupee in respect of non-judicial hundi stamps and

impressed stamps not exceeding Rs. 50 in value each and from 6 pies to 2 pies per rupee in respect of copy stamp papers in towns with a population of over 50,000.

" (b) January 1937.

" (c) There is no question of loss to the Government as a result of this reduction in rates.

" (d) No."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" What was the reason that induced the Government to decrease the rate of discount? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The rate of discount was reduced in the case of municipalities having a population of more than 50,000. Probably it was because of the increase in sale in such places."

Decision of the Government on the Modified Education Scheme.

* 1353 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have examined the Modified Education Scheme as promised by the Hon. Minister for Finance on 26th March 1954; and

(b) if so, the final decision of the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the detailed statements made by me on 18th May 1954 and during the subsequent debate on the subject."

* 1354 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education introduced by Sri C. Rajagopalachariar, an ex-Chief Minister of this State, will be continued in the next academic year with Parulekar Committee's recommendations?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the statement made by me during the last session of the Assembly regarding the policy of the present Government in respect of elementary education."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" அந்த விவாதத்தின்போது கனம் மந்திரியார் அவர்கள் அளித்த வாக்குறுதியின் பிரகாரம் ஆரம்பக் கல்வி திட்டத்தை பரிசீலிக்க விசாரணைக் கமிட்டி நியமிக்கப்பட்டதா? அப்படி இல்லாமல் இருந்தால் எப்பொழுது நியமிக்கப்படும்? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I hope to constitute the committee very soon."

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Appointment of health visitors in the City.

* 1355 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of male and female health visitors appointed by the Government in the City of Madras and the total establishment charges in the year 1952;

(*b*) the activities of these health visitors and the authorities who are supervising their work and under whose control they are;

(*c*) the allowances paid to them for visiting several areas; and

(*d*) the machines and implements they are permitted to carry with them for first-aid and such other things?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Six female health visitors have been appointed by Government in the City. The total establishment charges on them in 1952 amounted to Rs. 12,041-2-0. No male health visitor has been appointed.

" (*b*) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

" (*c*) A conveyance allowance of Rs. 25 for those working in the Government Tuberculosis Institute, Egmore, and Rs. 15 for others is being paid.

" (*d*) The answer is in the negative, Sir."

Utilization of the surplus funds of the Guruvayur temple for educational purposes and for the construction of a hospital.

* 1356 *Q.*—SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the income of the Guruvayur temple during the last three years ;

(*b*) whether out of the income any amount has been set apart or utilized for educational purposes; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal for the construction of a hospital at Guruvayur out of the surplus funds of the temple?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) The actual receipts of the Guruvayur temple for the last three faslis is given below :—

Fasli.	Amount.			Paddy.
	RS.	A.	P.	PARAS.
1360	3,69,566	13	6	.. 15,620
1361	3,97,951	0	7	.. 15,695
1362	4,21,355	7	11	.. 14,244

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 730-731 infra.

"(b) Yes. The information is furnished in the statement* placed on the table of the House.

"(c) No."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—"Will the Government consider the desirability of diverting a portion of the income of the Guruvayur temple for the purpose of constructing a hospital? Has not a petition been given to the Hon. the Chief Minister already in this regard?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"There is a hospital at Chowghat which is just a mile from Guruvayur. There is a Civil Assistant Surgeon also there. I do not think the question need be considered."

DR. K. B. MENON :—"Is it not necessary that the Government should consider the question of diverting a part of the savings for public purposes?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"I can answer the question only after the amending Bill is passed."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—"The so-called hospital at Chowghat is only a dispensary with just half a dozen beds. So, there is a great demand for a hospital at Guruvayur. In view of this and in view of the large floating population in this place consisting largely of pilgrims, will the Government reconsider the question of diversion of funds from this temple for the construction of a hospital?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"It will be considered."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—"Sir, it is stated that a sum of Rs. 2,000 was spent on an orphanage. May I know from the Hon. the Minister to which orphanage this sum was given in Malabar?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"A separate question may be put."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"May I know whether, under the existing law, it is permissible to divert the funds of a Hindu religious institution for the benefit of institutions which are used by the public including all religious communities?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"I do not want to answer the question now. I want some time to answer it. I do not want to do it now because I do not want the Government to commit themselves to anything."

SRI E. T. KUNHAN :—"ഗുരുവായൂർ ക്ഷേത്രത്തിൽ മിച്ചമിരിപ്പുള്ള പണം ഹരിജനങ്ങളുടെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസാവശ്യങ്ങൾക്ക വേണ്ടി വിനിയോഗിക്കുമോ?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാം."

* Printed as Appendix II on pages 731–732 infra.

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Advertisement of vacancies of appointments in the local dailies.

10-40 a.m. * 1357 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government are publishing the vacancies of appointments in this State in the daily newspapers with particulars of reservation to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes ; and

(*b*) if not, why?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Appointments to almost all State services and all important subordinate services are made on the results of competitive examinations held by the Madras Public Service Commission and therefore vacancies of appointments are generally published in the local dailies by the Commission. Details about the number of vacancies in each of the categories reserved for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes are not announced in the short advertisements published in dailies. Only the total number of vacancies are announced and the candidates are required to apply to the Commission for application forms and detailed particulars relating to recruitment. The number of vacancies reserved for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and the Backward Classes and those that will be filled by open competition are mentioned in the Commission's notification published in the *Fort. St. George Gazette*. They are also mentioned in the 'Information for candidates', copies of which are supplied to candidates free of cost.

" (*b*) The advertisements in the newspapers are necessarily brief as the expenditure on advertisement charges will otherwise be considerable."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it a fact that vacancies occurring in the department of municipal administration under the control of the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards and vacancies occurring in the department of Religious Endowments are not at all advertised either in the newspapers or filled up by the Public Service Commission but these appointments are given to the relatives of the respective heads of departments? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I want notice for that and the question may be addressed to the concerned Ministers."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" சென்னை ராஜ்யத்தில் தாழ்த்தப்பட்டவர்களுக்கு உத்தியோக விஷயமாக விளம்பரம் செய்யும்போது அவர்களுக்குக் குறிப்பிட்ட பர்சென்டேஜ், வயது, முதலியவைகளை அந்த விளம்பரத்தில் குறிப்பிடாமலிருப்பதால் அவர்கள் மனுச்செய்யாமல் இருக்கிறாகள். அப்படியே மந்திரி அவர்களும் அவர்கள் மனுச்செய்துக்கொள்ளவில்லை என்று கூறி வந்திருக்கிறார். இனியாவது தாழ்த்தப்பட்டவர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்பட்ட சலுகைகளை விளம்பரத்தில் குறிப்பிட அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is not because that it is not mentioned in the advertisement that sufficient number of Scheduled Caste candidates are not forthcoming. It is due to the paucity of Scheduled Caste candidates possessing the requisite qualifications."

Implementation of the recommendations of the Tripartite Textile Enquiry Committee.

* 1358 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculturists be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to implement the recommendations of the Tripartite Textile Enquiry Committee?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Neither the employers nor the employees are statutorily bound to implement the recommendations of the Tripartite Textile Enquiry Committee. The question of Government taking steps to implement the recommendations of the Committee does not, therefore, arise."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—" When a representation was made by the Hind Mazdoor Sabha to the Hon. Chief Minister and the Hon. Minister for Labour, the Hon. Minister for Labour was pleased to state that the question of referring the matter to adjudication was under consideration. May I know when that matter has been referred for adjudication and the reasons for the delay in referring the matter for adjudication?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think I said that the question of referring it for adjudication would be considered. I told the representatives that we shall have the matter examined further."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that Government have spent so much money for the Enquiry Committee and have examined the requests from more than eighty mills and there are unanimous recommendations by the mill-owners as well as representatives of the workers, will the Government be pleased to recommend the immediate implementation of the unanimous recommendations in the report?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already stated that Government have been examining what further action they can take in the matter."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" ஸார், பஞ்சாலை விசாரணைக் கமிட்டி அறிக்கையிலிருந்து தொழிலாளர்களுடைய சம்பளம், பஞ்சப்படி போன்ற பிரச்னை சம்பந்தப்பட்ட சிபாரிசுகளை தனியாக எடுத்து முதலாளிகளுக்கும் லேபர் கமிஷனர்களுக்கும் தொழிற் சங்கங்கள் கொடுத்து பதில் வந்தது. அவர்களுடைய அபிப்பிராயங்களைக்கூட கொடுத்திருந்தார்கள். மேற்கொண்டு என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது?"

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM.—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" முக்கூட்டு கமிட்டி இந்த மாகாணம் முழுவதும் சுற்றுப்பிரயாணம் செய்து சிபார்சு செய்தது ; அதுவும் இரண்டு மூன்று வருஷங்களாக வேலை செய்து சிபாரிசு செய்திருக்கிறது. அந்த சிபார்சும் இப்பொழுது அச்சடிக்கப்பட்டு ஒரு வருஷமாகிறது. இன்னும் அதைக் கொண்டுவருவதற்கு காலதாமதம் ஏற்படுவதனால் அந்த முக்கூட்டு கமிட்டியின் பேரால் நடவடிக்கை இல்லாமல் போகிறது. அதனால் அதை அமுலுக்குக் கொண்டுவர அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already stated that Government have been looking into this matter and taking steps in order to see that some of the unanimous recommendations at least are accepted."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Is it a fact that an assurance was given to the I.N.T.U.C. leaders that regional committees will be set up as recommended by the Tripartite Committee? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. A proposal was made that regional committees may be set up. Government have stated that they would look into the matter. Government are examining that also."

Supply of water to the Mel-Malayanoor and Seeya-Mangalam tanks from Sathanur Reservoir.

* 1359 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the water from the proposed Sathanur Reservoir will be available for supply to the Mel-Malayanoor tank in Gingee taluk and Seeya-Mangalam tank in Wandiwash taluk; and

(*b*) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to supply water to these tanks from any other source?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) It is not possible to supply water to Seeyamangalam tank from any other source. The question whether it is possible to augment supply to Mel-Malayanoor tank from any other source is being examined by the Chief Engineer and necessary action will be taken in due course, if found feasible."

Issue of licences for tapping neera from coconut and palmyra trees.

* 1360 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the licence fees levied for tapping neera from coconut trees and palmyra trees and the other terms on which licence for such tapping is granted?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The licences for tapping coconut and palmyra trees for sweet toddy are issued free of fee, subject to the rules and conditions prescribed

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under the Madras Sweet Toddy Rules. Besides, the licensees are required to produce two personal sureties from among the members of the concerned co-operative society as a safeguard against the possible misuse, and dispose of the jaggery manufactured to or through the co-operative society only. The tapping concession is permitted only in areas where it will not seriously affect the enforcement of the Prohibition Act."

Transfer of Judges under Article 222 of the Constitution.

* 1361 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government brought to the notice of the President the point raised in the debate on 18th March 1954 on the Budget Demand for Administration of Justice to the effect that the Judges of the High Court should be transferred under Article 222 of the Constitution Act; and

(*b*) whether the Government have sent any request to the President—

(i) for the transfer of Judges from the Madras High Court; and

(ii) to reduce the number of holidays now enjoyed by the Judges of the High Court?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) (i) The scope and purpose of Article 222 of the Constitution do not admit of regular and frequent transfers of Judges being made from one High Court to another as contemplated in the question. The provisions of the article are intended to provide for occasional or short transfers for special reasons. This Government have not so far felt the need to address the President for the transfer of any of the Judges of the Madras High Court under the above article.

" (*b*) (ii) Such a proposal is already under the consideration of this Government and the Government of India have been addressed in the matter."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" ஆந்திரா பிரிவினையின் காரணமாக மூன்று நீதிபதிகள் இந்த ஹை கோர்ட்டிலிருந்து ஆந்திரா ஹைகோர்ட்டுக்கு மாற்றப்பட்டார்கள் என்று சொல்லப்பட்டது. நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்தின் தேவைக்கு அதிகமாக நீதிபதிகள் இருக்கிறார்களா ? அப்படியானால் எவ்வளவு பேர்கள் ?"

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No. Sir. It is considered that twelve judges will be required for the disposal of arrears here."

Discharge of workers from the Malabar Tile Works, Cheruvannoor, Malabar.

* 1362 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received representation to the effect that the proprietor of the Malabar Tile Works, Cheruvannoor, Malabar, has been dismissing workers from the factory recently when a labour dispute between the workers and the management is pending adjudication before the Appellate Tribunal;

(*b*) if so, how many workers have been so dismissed; and

(*c*) what steps the Government propose to take against the management for violating the Industrial Disputes Act?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Seventy-six workers were discharged by the management in July 1953, 30 workers on 5th July 1953 and 46 workers on 23rd July 1953.

" (*c*) During the time of conciliation by the Labour Officer, the union did not tell him that they had filed an appeal before the Labour Appellate Tribunal. Only in November 1953, the management came to know that an appeal had been filed by the union before the Labour Appellate Tribunal. But since the discharge took place in July 1953, the management could not be said to have contravened the Industrial Disputes Act. Hence no action was taken."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" During the period of conciliation, the labour representatives submitted that there was an appeal pending before the Labour Appellate Tribunal. That is no excuse for not taking action against the management. May I request the Hon. Minister for Labour that pending the decision of the Labour Appellate Tribunal, necessary instructions may be given to the Commisisoner of Labour to take action against those managements who have purposely violated the Industrial Disputes Act? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already stated that managements came to know of these appeals only in November 1953. About issuing necessary instructions to the Commissioner of Labour, let me say that Government have been issuing necessary instructions as and when necessary."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the workers were paid any compensation or wages during this period? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is the Industrial Tribunal or the Labour Appellate Tribunal that has to decide the question of payment of compensation and wages. Government will take all appropriate action in the matter."

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Construction of a masonry bridge across Sengal Odai near Koovathur, Udaiyarpalayam taluk.

* 1363 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. R. Viswanathan is not in his place. The answer to the question will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 1299, dated 30th July 1953—

(*a*) whether the investigation of the scheme of constructing a masonry dam across Sengal Odai near Koovathur in Andimadam Firka, Udayarpalayam taluk, has been completed ; and

(*b*) if so, what further action has been taken since then?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No. The question whether lower riparian rights will be affected is being examined by the Collector and hence further action in the matter will be taken only after a decision is reached in this regard."

* 1364 *Q.*—

SRI A RATNAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்சளே, இந்தப் பிரச்னையைப்பற்றி விவாதிப்பதற்கு அரை மணி நேரம் அனுமதிககப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. எனவே, இன்று மாலை இதுவிஷயமாக விவாதிப்பதற்கு அரை மணி நேரம் அனுமதிக்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கன்றேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the question be first answered. " 10-50 a.m.

Construction of platforms for the removal of untouchability.

SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of plinths so far constructed in the State for the removal of untouchability ;

(*b*) the approximate cost per plinth and the total amount spent in March 1954;

(*c*) the amount sanctioned for the construction of such plinths in 1954–55 ; and

(*d*) whether any social functions have taken place on the plinths and how the plinths have benefited the cause of removal of untouchability?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) 583 platforms.

" (*b*) Rs. 340 a platform.
Total cost—Rs. 1,88,075.

" (*c*) No amount has yet been sanctioned for 1954–55.

" (*d*) No social functions have so far been held on these platforms. Whether the platforms actually help the cause of removal of untouchability can be ascertained only after the platforms are put to use."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know whether the construction of a platform contributes to the removal of untouchability among the masses? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" This is a communal platform where the so-called untouchables and others can meet and thus there may be fusion of all the communities which is necessary for the removal of untouchability."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இந்த மேடைகளெல்லாம் அநேகமாக ஹரிஜனச் சேரிகளுக்கு முன்னதாகத்தான் கட்டப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. எனக்குத் தெரிந்தவரையில் ஒரு ஜாதி இந்துகூட இந்த மேடைகளுக்குச் சென்று அதன்மீது நெல் காயவைத்ததுகூட கிடையாது. ஆகையால், இந்தமாதிரி மேடைகளை ஜாதி இந்துக்கள் வசிக்கக்கூடிய தெருக்களின் முன்னால் கட்டி, அவைகளை ஹரிஜனங்கள் உபயோகப்படுத்தும்படியாக ஏற்பாடு செய்வதற்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் முயற்சிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Then the Harijans will not be allowed to go into that locality. At any rate, those of the platforms which have got a good roofing are used by them for celebrating marriages, etc."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that the platforms constructed in Malabar are not at all useful for the removal of untouchability or for any other purpose as far as humanity in that region is concerned? Malabar has incessant rains for four months in a year, and the platforms without roofs could not be used during those four months. Apart from this, the platforms are away from residential areas. Was not this fact brought to the notice of the Government during a meeting of the Provincial Advisory Committee for Harijan Uplift? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We have to carry out these things in all the districts. Therefore, Malabar cannot be excluded."

SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" பிளாட்பாரம் கட்டுவதற்காக ஒவ்வொரு ஆண்டும் பணம் செலவு செய்யப்படுகிறதா ? அந்தப் பிளாட்பாரங்களால் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு எந்த விதமான பிரயோஜனமும் ஏற்படாமலிருப்பதால், அப்படிச் செலவுசெய்யும் பணத்தை ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு வேறு வகையில் உபயோகிக்க அரசாங்கம் முன்வருவார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We have discontinued the construction of these platforms now."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" A printed copy of a reply to another question is placed on the table of the House and in it, it is said that the platform would serve as a community centre and will be provided with a radio set, library, etc. Is it the intention of the Government to merely stop with the construction of the platform or also to provide them with a radio set and other amenities so as to offer an attraction to the Harijans and other communities in the village to gather on the platform? "

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The platform itself will serve as a community centre. As I said, in almost all the places platforms have been constructed and there is no need for constructing any more platforms."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" தீண்டாமையை நீக்குவதற்காக கட்டப்பட்ட பிளாட்பாரங்கள் ஹரிஜனங்களால் உபயோகப்படுத்தப்படுவதில்லை என்பதற்குக் காரணம் என்னவென்றால் ஹரிஜன சேரிகள், ஜாதி இந்துக்கள் வசிக்கும் இடங்களிலிருந்து ரொம்ப தூரத்தில் இருப்பதுதான். அதிக தூரத்தில் இருப்பதால் அவைகளை உபயோகப்டடுத்த முடியாத நிலைமை ஏற்படுகிறது. ஆகவே ஹரிஜனச் சேரிகளை ஜாதி இந்துக்கள் இருக்கக்கூடிய இடத்திற்கு சமீபத்தில் கட்டுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No, Sir."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMY THEVAR :—" Is it a fact that both Harijans and Caste Hindus are frequently using these platforms? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir, in several places they are using them."

Appointment of Chief Professor in English in the Presidency College.

* 1365 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the vacancy of the post of the Chief Professor in English in the Presidency College, Madras, has been filled up and if not, why not; and

(*b*) whether there was a strike of the students in IV B.A. class of the above college in the second term of the academic year 1953–54, and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. The post of Chief Professor of English, Presidency College, has been filled up, with effect from 25th January 1954.

" (*b*) There was nothing which could at all be called a 'strike' of the students. A large number of men students of the IV B.A. class abstained from attending the Shakespeare classes taken by Srimathi G. Parthasarathy, the then Additional Professor of English, on the 16th, 19th and 23rd November 1953.

The reason for the students abstaining from attending the Shakespeare classes taken by the Additional Professor of English was that on the 12th November 1953 the Professor went to her class about 10 minutes late as she was held up in her room on account of a departmental meeting. The Class had in the meantime, become restless. Just as she entered the class, she heard the men students making cat-calls and otherwise creating noise. The girl students however were keeping quiet. Since the men-students were responsible for

the disturbance created, the Additional Professor of English made them stand while she called their names for marking attendance. The women students however were allowed to answer sitting. The men students resented this action on the part of the Additional Professor and boycotted her classes on the 16th, 19th and 23rd November 1953. Later, on 24th November 1953, the Principal advised the students suitably with the result that all the men students also attended the subsequent classes of Srimathi Parthasarathy."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—"Why was the filling up of the post of Chief Professor of English in the Presidency College delayed so long?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Because we did not want to spend money, we wanted to delay the filling up of the post as far as possible."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—"May I know the name of the gentleman who was appointed as the Chief Professor of English?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"The person appointed is a lady. Srimathi G. Parthasarathy has been appointed."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—"Was she directly recruited or was she already on the staff of the Presidency College at the time of her appointment as Chief Professor?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"She was Additional Professor of English in the same College before she was appointed as Chief Professor."

Construction of a bridge over the river Gowri at Ariadka-Nethicalcutla road in South Kanara.

*1366 Q.—SRI K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a bridge over the River Gowri in Belure, South Kanara district (at mile 11/2 of Ariadka-Nethicalcutla road) under the National Extension Service Scheme;

(b) if so, the estimated cost and the amount of public contribution required; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the amount of public contribution required has been deposited with the Government and its return is now being demanded on account of failure to finalise the proposal and execute the work?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"(a) Yes. There is a proposal to construct a submersible bridge over the River Gowri in mile 11/1 of Ariadka-Nethicalcutla road.

"(b) The estimated cost of the work is Rs. 30,000. The minimum 25 per cent public contribution required for the work is Rs. 7,500.

"(c) No. Only a sum of Rs. 1,000 has so far been collected. There is no demand to return the amount already collected."

Constitution of Area Committees under the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act.

* 1367 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the strength of the members of the Area Committees appointed under the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, district-war;

(b) how many Harijans are members in each Area Committee;

(c) whether there is any change in the membership of these Committees every year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"(a) Area Committees are not constituted district-war. There are twelve Assistant Commissioners' divisions in the State and each division has an Area Committee. Under section 13 (1) of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951, the number of members of an Area Committee should not be less than three or more than five. The strength of each of the twelve Area Committees has been fixed as five members.

"(b) There are seven Harijan members one in each of the following Area Committees :—

(1) Madras-Chingleput division.
(2) South and North Arcot division.
(3) Coimbatore-Salem-Nilgiris division.
(4) West Tanjore division.
(5) East Tanjore division.
(6) Madurai division.
(7) Tirunelveli division.

"(c) & (d) Under section 13 (2) of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, each member is ordinarily entitled to hold office for three years from the date on which his appointment has been notified in the *Fort St. George Gazette*."

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—"பிரதேசக் கமிட்டிகளின் அங்கத்தினர்களுடைய எண்ணிக்கையை அதிகப்படுத்தி, அதில் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு மெஜாரிடி ஸ்தானங்களை ஒதுக்க அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"Attempts will be made to give due representation to the members of the Harijan community."

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Passing of audit reports of the Producerscum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, South Malabar.

* 1368 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the general body of Kondotty Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, South Malabar, has not met and passed accounts from its inception; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) No, Sir. The general body of the Kondotty Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, South Malabar, met thrice and passed the audit reports for the years 1946–47 and 1947–48. The general body could not meet and pass audit reports for subsequent years on account of the breakdown in the administration of the Society due to local faction. An attempt was made to reconstitute the Board of Directors by holding a fresh election by ballot. But the election could not be held as three members of the society whose nominations were rejected by the Returning Officer filed a suit in District Munsif's Court, Manjeri, and the District Munsif issued an injunction restraining the Returning Officer from holding the election and appointed a Receiver for the Society. Another three members have filed a writ petition in the High Court for a direction to hold the election. Both the cases are still pending."

11 a.m. Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that the circumstances that existed when these Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Societies were formed have changed after decontrol and that they are now facing fresh problems on account of the shortage in offtake, will the Government institute an inquiry into their present condition and take steps to reorganize them? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" That is a separate question. The matter is being considered."

Sri A. APPU :—" May I know why this society was not superseded in view of the fact there was a lot of faction there and there were also reports of misappropriation of funds of the society while several other societies of a similar nature were superseded by the Government? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

Construction of a bridge across the Upparahalla at mile 1/1 *of Golithattu-Kokkada road, South Kanara.*

* 1369 Q.—Sri K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the construction of a bridge across the Upperahalla river on the Golithattu-Kokkada road, South Kanara, has been included in the Five-Year Plan;

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(*b*) whether the bridgework has been sanctioned by the Government;

(*c*) whether the South Kanara District Board has been applying for grant since 1947 for its construction;

(*d*) if so, whether the necessary grant has been sanctioned; and

(*e*) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. The correct nomenclature of the work is construction of a bridge across the Upperahalla at mile 1/1 of Kochila-Kokkada road.

" (*b*) *to* (*e*) The execution of the bridgework by the South Kanara District Board was sanctioned by the Government under the Post-War Road Development Scheme in 1947–48 and the sanction was renewed during the years from 1948–49 to 1950–51. But the district board did not take it up for execution in those years as technical sanction to the estimate for the work could be obtained only in December 1950. In the subsequent years, the grant sanctioned for Post-War Road Development works has been limited to works in progress and hence the district board could not take up this work under the Grants-in-Aid Scheme."

Number of Harijans on the staff of the Police Department in Malabar district.

* 1370 *Q.*—SRI M. CHADAYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of Harijans at present in the categories of Police Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Head Constables and Constables in Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The number of Harijans at present employed in the various categories in the Malabar district is as follows :—

Inspector of Police—1.

Sub-Inspectors—Nil.

Head constables—Nil.

Constables—10."

SRI M. CHADAYAN :—" പോലീസിൽ ഹരിജൻ മർദ്ദനങ്ങളെപ്പററി ആവലാതിപ്പെട്ടാൽ അവലാതിപ്പെടുന്ന ഹരിജനങ്ങളുടെ പേരിൽ തന്നെ കേസ്സു ചാർജ്ജ് ചെയ്യുകയാണ് പതിവെന്ന് ഗവമ്മേണ്ടിന്നു അറിയാമോ ? "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (translation) :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that some Harijans have complained to the Police with regard to the repression and that the Police are charging those very people who have made complaints? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" That does not arise out of this question."

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Acquisition of building site for Madapally High School, North Malabar.

* 1371 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to acquire a site for Madapally High School, North Malabar, for its building, and if so, when the school building will be completed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government propose to acquire 6·78 acres of private land for the construction of buildings and the provision of a playground for the Fisheries Technical High School at Madapally. The acquisition proceedings have not yet been completed. The construction of buildings will be taken up after the land has been acquired."

Acquisition of land for playground for Madapally Government Fisheries School, North Malabar.

* 1437 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the proposal for the acquisition of land for playground for Madapally Government Fisheries School, North Malabar, was sanctioned; and

(*b*) whether the acquisition proceedings have been completed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The proposal was sanctioned in April 1950.

" (*b*) The land acquisition proceedings have not yet been completed."

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" Sanction was given five years ago and all the persons interested in the land and who were in possession of it gave it in writing that they had no objection to the acquisition of that land. Now, in view of the fact that this school has no playground, may I know why even in the last five years this Government could not acquire six acres of land? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Collector of Malabar has recently reported to the Government that the Revenue Divisional Officer has taken urgent steps to finalise the apportionment and pass the award. But no action had been taken so far under the emergency provisions. Therefore, all the normal processes had to be gone through. That is perhaps the reason for the delay."

Rules relating to rights and turns for water-supply for irrigation under the various channels and tanks of the Tambaraparni system.

* 1372 Q.—SRI S. T. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any rules about rights and turns for water-supply to irrigation under the various channels and tanks of the Tambaraparni system;

(b) if so, what they are;

(c) when such rules were framed;

(d) whether any changes have been made in these rules since the completion of the Papanasam Dam;

(e) if so, what they are; and

(f) if not, whether Government contemplate any changes in them consequent on the construction of the Papanasam Dam?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the rules published in the *Tirunelveli District Gazette*, dated 2nd December 1907. If copies are required, they can be obtained from the Public Works Department Secretariat.

" (c) In 1907.

" (d) No.

" (e) Does not arise.

" (f) No."

SRI P. SELVARAJ :—" The ayacutdars have prior right to receive unfettered supply of water from the Tambaraparni river. But now, after the construction of the Papanasam Dam, the water is utilized for hydro-electric purposes and is not allowed to flow for irrigation purposes. So, in times of water scarcity, will the Government give priority of supply to the ayacutdars for irrigation purposes? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The hon. Member is confusing the Papanasam Dam with the Tambaraparni Dam. The Papanasam Dam was constructed for hydro-electric purposes."

SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—" Has the Hon. Minister received any representations as to the necessity of a change in the existing rules relating to water-flow under the Papanasam Dam? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The rules relating to water-flow under the Papanasam Dam are being examined."

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Grant of loan to the Land Improvement Co-operative Societies.

* 1373 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Land Improvement Co-operative Societies in the area irrigated by the Cauvery-Mettur canals;

(*b*) the total amount of loan granted by the Government to the said societies;

(*c*) the total acres of lands to be improved and the lands already improved;

(*d*) the total amount of loans to be collected annually; and

(*e*) the total cost of establishment, engaged in the collection of loans (such as Registrar, Sub-Registrar, Inspectors, Supervisors, etc.)?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) 35.

" (*b*) Rs. 1,67,665.

" (*c*) 6,884 acres.
4,795 acres.

" (*d*) Rs. 12,000.

" (*e*) Rs. 9,500 per annum."

Prohibition offences committed by the Police and the Prohibition staff.

* 1374 *Q.*—SRI L. C. PAIS (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Prohibition offences committed by the Police and Prohibition staff last year; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government to deal with such offences?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—" (*a*) 28, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government have issued orders to the effect that they take a very serious view of breaches of Prohibition law by Government servants and that in the case of any Government servant who is found guilty of a Prohibition offence by a Court of law the punishment, etc., awarded in respect of first conviction should be decided on its merit and that in respect of a second conviction the punishment should be dismissal from service."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL:—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the saying in villages that households which have got only one bottle of illicit liquor need not be afraid of the Prohibition staff as it would be required for the consumption of the raiding staff and as nothing would be left therefore for the raiding staff to prosecute them? "

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

Grant to the Victoria Memorial Orphanage and Victoria Memorial Scheduled Castes Hostels, Vriddhachalam taluk.

* 1375 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of grant given to the Victoria Memorial Orphanage and Victoria Memorial Labour Hostels in Vriddhachalam taluk;

(*b*) how many boarders (boys and girls) are maintained by these two hostels from the grant given by the Government; and

(*c*) what are the names of the persons who get grant from the Government for the maintenance of these two hostels referred to above?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The hon. Member apparently refers to Victory Memorial Orphanage aided by the Education Department and the Victory Memorial Scheduled Hostel aided by the Harijan Welfare Department. The former Orphanage received a grant of Rs. 1,509 from the Education Department during 1952–53 and the latter hostel received a grant of Rs. 12,900 during 1953–54 from the Harijan Welfare Department.

" (*b*) 29 and 94 boys respectively. There are no girl boarders in these hostels.

" (*c*) Sri P. Vedamanickam, the Manager of the two institutions, receives the grants paid to them."

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" மேற்படி தாலூகாவில் ஒரே ஹாஸ்டல் இருப்பதனுல், இதை சர்க்கார் எடுத்து நடத்த முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If there is any mismanagement in the affairs of this hostel, certainly the Government will consider the question of taking it over."

Extent of lands brought under the Japanese method of rice cultivation.

* 1376 *Q.*—SRI L. C. PAIS (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 11-10 a.m.

(*a*) the extent of lands brought under the Japanese method of cultivation of rice in 1953 ; and

(*b*) what has been the net total increase in the yield?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The extent of lands brought under the Japanese method of rice cultivation as modified to suit local conditions in this State during 1953–54 was 12,893 acres up to January 1954. The number of Demonstration Plots on cultivators' fields was 9,962 up to January 1954.

(b) The average increased yield per acre by the adoption of the modified method in the Tanjore, Tiruchirappalli, South Kanara and Malabar districts as compared to no manure or local treatments ranged from 22 per cent to 58 per cent. Six farmers, who secured the highest yields under the modified method, secured yields ranging from 6,500 lb. per acre to 9,625 lb. per acre.''

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—'' In view of the popularity of the Japanese method of cultivation, will the Government give more publicity and appoint more maistris to see that more ryots take to this method of cultivation? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The Government have been taking all necessary steps. The Government of India are also interested in this. But it is for the ryots to get enthusiastic about this and take advantage of the facilities available.''

SRI L. C. PAIS :—'' Are the Government aware that the persons who carry on the Japanese method of cultivation are severely handicapped at present for want of chemical manure? First they said that ammonium sulphate has to be taken along with some other thing as a mixture. Subsequently they said that this mixture was also not available. Cultivation according to this method cannot be carried on without proper chemical manures and this is my experience. May I know whether the Government will look into the matter? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, there is a general shortage of chemical manures and we have been trying to get whatever we can from the Central pool and we have been distributing the same among all the districts.''

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—'' ஜப்பான் நாட்டில் குறைந்த பவர் உள்ள மெஷின்களை வைத்துக்கொண்டு சிறிய நிலங்களுக்கு உபயோகப்படுத்துவதுபோல், சென்னை சர்க்காரும் இதுமாதிரியான சாதனங்களைப் பயன்படுத்துவதற்கான நிலைமையை ஏற்படுத்துமா? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I do not know what machinery the hon. Member refers to. The Government have been trying to get some of the implements made locally so that it may be available easily for the average ryots.''

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—'' The Hon. Minister has given us figures relating to the area of land cultivated under this particular method of cultivation. Does it compare favourably with the amount of chemical manures imported into the State? If not, will the Government come to the conclusion that the chemical manures are not going to proper parties? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The Government have no doubt that if this method is properly adopted, it would lead to better results for the ryots. I have had

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occasion to visit some of the private farms in the South Arcot district recently. Some of the ryots have explained to me how much they stand to gain by adopting this method."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it not a fact that the private ryots who have taken to the Japanese method of cultivation in the Chingleput district have come to the conclusion that it is a total failure and the expenditure incurred on it is not commensurate with the yield and have written to the Government to that effect? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am afraid that the hon. Member has very little contact with the ryots of the Chingleput district. I do not have any communication from them. On the other hand, I know that private ryots are even more enthusiastic about this method than the Agricultural department."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" I respectfully differ from the hon. Member Sri Vinayakam. I am a practical agriculturist in Chingleput district and I know the advantages gained by this method."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" Is it not a fact that this method is unattractive for small cultivators in view of the huge cost involved? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The increased cost of cultivation is compensated to a great extent by the increased yield."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சாதாரணமுறை சாகுபடிக்கும் ஜப்பான் முறை சாகுபடிக்கும என்னென்ன வித்தியாசங்கள் இருக்கின்றன? அந்த விததியாசங்களை நீக்குவதற்கு உதவி செய்ய சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government have been giving aid by way of loans for buying manures. This is all the aid that the Government can give."

Acquisition of land for the extension of the cheri in Kachirayapalayam, South Arcot district.

* 1377 Q.—SRI L. ANANDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have authorized the District Welfare Officer, South Arcot, to acquire the fields, R.S. No. 22/2 and others in Kachirayapalayam village in Kallakurichi taluk, for the extension of the cheri;

(b) whether the said officer has now recommended a different site; and

(c) the action taken towards the acquisition of the site mentioned in clause (a) above?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) No, Sir.

" (c) Notification under section 4 (1) of the Land Acquisition Act has been published and the receipt of the draft declaration under section 6 of the Act from the Collector is awaited "

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" May I know whether any representation was received by the Government that interested parties are trying to change this site and whether the Hon. Minister will be pleased to give an assurance that the site will not be changed? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The question is reaching the final stage of acquisition. Therefore, that question does not arise."

Revenue derived from tree-tax.

* 1378 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the total amount of revenue derived from tree-tax for fasli 1362?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Rs. 3,49,006.

Lack of encouragement to the course in Indigenous Medicine in the Government College of Indigenous Medicine.

* 1379 Q.—SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any prominence is given in the course in the Government College of Indigenous Medicine for allopathic as against Indigenous Medicine; and

(b) whether the staff of the college consists more of allopathic doctors than those of Indigenous Medicines?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir. But this is not at the expense of Indigenous Medicine.

" (b) No, Sir."

Compulsory retirement of certain employees of the Registration department.

* 1380 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of employees who were compulsorily retired from service under the Madras Civil Services (Safeguarding of National Security) Rules, 1949, in the Registration department during the year 1951?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" One acting clerk."

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Supply of meals to prisoners in the Madras Penitentiary according to the scale of diet prescribed in the rules.

* 1381 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of prisoners in the Madras Penitentiary and the number of 'A', 'B' and 'C' class prisoners;

(*b*) the expenses of the Penitentiary for the year 1952; and

(*c*) whether meals are served to the prisoners on the ration scale and if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(*a*) 1,259 as on 28th April 1954. Of these the number placed in 'A', 'B' and 'C' classes was 1, 12, 1,246 respectively.

"(*b*) Rs. 5,61,464.

"(*c*) The prisoners are served meals according to the scale of diet prescribed in the rules. The hon. Member is referred to the statement [a] placed on the table of the House regarding the scales of diet."

Construction of a bridge over Buckingham canal near Tiruvottiyur Railway Station.

* 1382 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the proposed date for the commencement of the construction of a bridge over Buckingham canal near Tiruvottiyur Railway Station; and

(*b*) the probable date of completion of the bridge?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"(*a*) & (*b*) It is presumed that the hon. Member is referring to the construction of a bridge over the Buckingham canal at mile 0/3 of the Tiruvottiyur-Ponneri-Panjetty road. The work was completed in November 1953."

Grant of loans and State aid to industrial concerns in the City.

* 1383 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of State aid and loans granted by the Government to industrial concerns in the City of Madras in 1952;

(*b*) the number of such loans still outstanding, and the year in which they were granted;

(*c*) whether the firms to which aids and loans were given in the City fulfilled the conditions under which such loans were given;

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 732–733 infra.

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(d) whether they paid the annual instalments on the due dates; and

(e) if not, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No loans were granted to industrial concerns in the City of Madras in 1952.

" (b) to (e) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

Appointment of a Co-operative Deputy Registrar for the Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society, Madras.

* 1384 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government are considering any proposal to appoint a Co-operative Deputy Registrar to manage the affairs of the Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society, Madras?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the negative."

Particulars of the scheme started by the Government for the removal of untouchability.

* 1385 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether District Sevaks and Grama Sevaks have been appointed in all the districts for the removal of untouchability;

(b) whether any scheme for the removal of untouchability has been started; and

(c) if so, the particulars thereof?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Yes, Sir.

" (c) A note [b] showing the particulars of the scheme started by the Government of Madras for the utilization of the Grant-in-aid given by the Government of India for the removal of untouchability is placed on the table of the House."

Damages caused by floods in the ayacut of Tirumani channel in Vennar Division.

* 1386 Q.—SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Special Officer submitted any report about the flood havoc in the ayacut of Tirumani channel in Vennar Division during the fasli 1357; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 734–735 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix V on pages 736–737 infra.

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Betting on American Cotton Market prices.

* 1387 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) for how long the widespread gambling known as " New York Cotton Number Betting " has been going on in this State;

(b) whether the Government have received a bulletin in Tamil entitled " exposure of secrets of New York Cotton " gambling;

(c) whether the Police have investigated any cases of such gambling;

(d) if so, the number of prosecutions and convictions, if any; and

(e) what steps the Government have taken or propose to take to prevent this gambling? 11-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) A certain amount of betting on American Cotton Market prices is going on in this State since 1943.

" (b) Yes, Sir.

" (c) Yes, Sir.

" (d) The number of prosecutions and convictions during 1953 in Madras City is—

Number prosecuted—2,766.

Number convicted—2,389.

It is not possible to give figures for the districts.

" (e) The Police are taking adequate steps to check this form of gambling."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த சூதாட்டங்களையும், குறுக்கெழுத்துப்போட்டிகளையும் தடைசெய்வதற்காக சட்டமியற்றப்படும் என்று ஒரு முறை ஒரு கேள்விக்கு பதில் சொல்லப்பட்டது. அகைப்பற்றி மந்திரி அவர்கள் என்ன முடிவு எடுத்துக் கொண்டார்கள் என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Regarding crossword puzzles and other things, the matter is under the active consideration of the Government. We hope to take a decision in the matter very soon."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Sir, answering a similar question on a previous occasion the Hon. Minister stated that there was no need to amend the Act, but only there was need to take effective steps against the evil of betting on cotton. I have been reliably informed by the highest Police officials that the Act is defective

and when any accused wants to defend himself, there is no possibility of getting a conviction. Will Government look into this matter?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, so far as that question is concerned, if any lacuna in the Act is pointed out by the Court, certainly we can take immediate action to rectify it."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, if it is the intention of the Government of Madras to take a firm action or decision in banning cross-word puzzles, may I know why some of the Ministers of the State of Madras are indirectly encouraging this kind of cross-word puzzles by presiding over prize distribution functions . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is about cotton market."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Yes, Sir. Arising from the answer given by the Hon. Minister regarding banning of cross-word puzzles, may I know why some of the Ministers are taking part in prize distribution functions? I have seen advertisements displayed on the buses plying in the City of Madras informing that some prominent members of the Cabinet and ex-Ministers are taking part in the celebrations got up for distributing prizes."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Because it has not yet been prohibited, Sir."

* 1388 *Q*.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons sentenced in the City of Madras for betting on New York Cotton prices; and

(*b*) whether any Government servant or official is involved in such a betting?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The number of persons sentenced in the City of Madras for betting on New York Cotton prices is as follows :—

1951—279.
1952—497.
1953—2,389.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir, may I know whether any investigation was made by the Government into the Tamil Bulletin called ' Exposure of Secrets of New York Cotton ', so far as the ' secrets ' are concerned and whether the Police are encouraging these and are directly involved in these?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I am unable to accept the allegations made by the hon. Member against the Police, namely, that they are colluding in this. As a matter of fact, in 1953 there were as many as 2,389 cases of conviction."

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SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, may I know if betting on New York Cotton prizes is more remunerative than solving cross-word puzzles and if so, what is the comparative dividend paid in each?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" How does this arise out of the main question?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have no personal experience of either. If the hon. Member could communicate his experience, I am prepared to take it."

Handloom workers' strike in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar.

* 1389 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to bring about a settlement between the handloom workers and factory-owners of Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, in view of the strike situation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" On receipt of reports regarding the closure of the handloom factories in Chirakkal taluk, etc., the Commissioner of Labour was asked to take up conciliation. The Commissioner of Labour who enquired into the matter advised the workers to resume work. The workers accordingly resumed work. It is since reported that all the factories that had to be closed due to strike have re-opened."

Restoration of the wage-cut to the handloom weavers of Chirakkal taluk, Malabar.

* 1390 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the handloom weavers of Chirakkal taluk, Malabar district, regarding wage-cut; and

(*b*) the steps the Government have taken to restore the wage-cut?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) As it is open to the workers to seek redress by filing complaints for short payment under the Payment of Wages Act or under section 33-A of the Industrial Disputes Act, no interference on the part of the Government was considered necessary."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, are Government aware of the fact that even now the factory-owners are taking forcible signatures from the workers consenting to reduction of wages of the workers?"

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would suggest to the workers or their union to place the matter before the Labour Officer and Government will take necessary action in the matter."

Tuberculosis centres in the City of Madras.

* 1391 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of tuberculosis centres in the City of Madras maintained by the Government;

(*b*) the amount of subsidy given to the Corporation of Madras for maintaining their tuberculosis centres in the year 1952 and what is the number of centres maintained by them; and

(*c*) the total number of patients treated outside and the in-patients admitted in the year 1952?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) One, Sir.

" (*b*) No subsidy was given to the Corporation by the Government for maintaining Tuberculosis clinics. But a subsidy of Rs. 12,500 is being paid to the Corporation of Madras for the maintenance of the Tuberculosis Hospital, Konnur High Road, maintained by the Corporation.

In the year 1952, the Corporation of Madras maintained one Tuberculosis hospital and five Tuberculosis clinics.

" (*c*) In the year 1952, 981 patients received in-patient treatment and 30,022 patients received out-patient treatment in the Tuberculosis institutions in the City of Madras."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, since the number of tuberculosis hospitals and clinics maintained is too meagre to meet the demands of the patients in Madras, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that in many cases the cards for admission are sent to patients after they reach their graves? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is true we have a fairly long list of waiting patients. The Government have at Tambaram a big sanatorium which is admittedly the biggest in this country and we are maintaining a Tubeculosis institute at Egmore for out-patient treatment."

Aid to Christian Backward Classes.

* 1392 *Q.*—SRI ANTONY PETER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether all the economic and educational facilities enjoyed by the Hindu Backward Classes are extended to Christian Backward Classes; and

(*b*) if not, why not?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government are of the view that converts to Christianity from the Backward Classes are not so backward educationally, economically and socially as to require Government aid."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" Sir, இந்த அரசாங்கம் மதசார்பற்ற அரசாங்கம் என்று சொல்லிக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். கிருஸ்தவ பிற்பட்ட தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட வகுப்பினர் மதத்தின் காரணமாக அந்த மதத்திற்கு மாறினார்கள். அப்படி மாறியும் அவர்கள் சமூகத்தில் பொருளாதாரத்தில் முற்போக்கு அடையவில்லை. ஆகையால் அரசாங்கம் கிருஸ்தவ பிற்பட்ட, தாழ்த்தப் பட்டவர்களுக்கு அதே சலுகைகளைக் கொடுக்க முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, so far as scholarships are concerned, they are getting them. I do not know in what other respects the hon. Member wants concession."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" ஸார், கிருஸ்தவ மதத்திற்கு மாறிய தாழ்த்தப்பட்டவர்களுக்கு இந்த சலுகைகளை ஏன் கொடுக்கவில்லை ? அவர்களுக்கும் இந்த சலுகைகளைக் கொடுப்பதற்கு அதாவது ஸ்காலர்ஷிப், ப்ரீபோர்டிங் முதலியவைகளைக் கொடுப்பதற்கு, சர்க்கார் யோசனை செய்யுமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, the question relates to Backward Classes and the hon. Member is referring to converts to Christianity who are certainly getting all the concessions."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Sir, is it the contention of the Hon. Minister that baptism performs a miracle socially on the Backward Classes and the moment a man is baptised, he becomes a socially advanced person? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, it is not my individual opinion. At the meeting of the Backward Classes Advisory Committee, this question was discussed and the members of that Committee came to the decision that it was not necessary to give them the concessions that are given to the non-converts, except educational concessions."

SRI ANTONY PETER :—" எந்தக் கணக்கைக்கொண்டு சர்க்கார் கிருஸ்தவ பின் தங்கிய வகுப்பினர் முன்னேற்றமடைந்த சமூகத்தினர் என்று கருதுகிறார்கள் என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, I am telling the House that educational concessions are given to them."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, in a secular State when relief is given or when effort is made to bring up the backward sections of the community, no distinction of caste or of religion or of community should be made and will the Government bear that in mind? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, the whole question will be considered by the Backward Classes Commission that has started working."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, கிருஸ்தவ மதத்திற்கு மாறிய ஹரிஜனங்கள் . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is about Backward classes and not Harijans."

Training centre for Fire Service in the City.

* 1393 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of training centres for fire service in the City of Madras;

(*b*) the number of fire engines and the strength of the staff stationed in each centre; and

(*c*) the average cost of maintaining the fire engines and the staff?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) One.

" (*b*) & (*c*) No fire engine has been sanctioned for the Training Centre. The fire appliances required for the training of candidates are drawn from the Fire Stations in the Madras City, as and when required, during the course of training.

There is only one Station Officer in the Training Centre. The average cost on account of the Station Officer is Rupees 2,166–12–0 per annum."

Grievances of the workers of the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories, Limited.

* 1394 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memoranda from the Labour Union of the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories, Limited, regarding the reinstatement of workers and other grievances; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government considered that there was no case for adjudication on any of the demands and informed the Labour Union accordingly."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" ஸார், தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு சென்ற வருஷம் கொடுக்கவேண்டிய போனஸில் ஒரு பகுதியை ரொக்கமாகக் கொடுக்க மறுத்து ரிடயரான சமயத்தில் கொடுக்க முடியும் என்று நிர்வாகிகள் போட்டிருக்கக்கூடிய உத்தரவை ரத்து செய்யவேண்டும். அது சட்ட பூர்வமானது இல்லை. அதைத்தடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்தது."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, there was conciliation and after the report of the Conciliation Board was received, the Government examined every one of the demands put forth and came to the conclusion that there was no case for adjudication."

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SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" ஸார், சர்க்கரை உற்பத்தி செய்து கொண்டிருக்கிற இந்த கிழக்கிந்தியா டிஸ்டிலரி கம்பெனியானது அங்கிருக்கும் தொழிலாளிகளைப் பழிவாங்கவேண்டுமென்ற நோக்கத்தோடு தொழிற்சாலையை அடிக்கடி மூடுவதும், திறப்பதுமாக இருந்துவருகிறது. இந்த ராஜ்யத்தில் சர்க்கரை பற்றுக்குறை இருந்தும்கூட அந்தக் கம்பெனியார் தங்கள் இஷ்டம்போல் தொழிற்சாலையை மூடிவிடுவதால், அதை சர்க்கார் கைக்கொள்வதற்கு முன்வருமா ?" 11-30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government examined all aspects of the question and came to the conclusion I have just referred to."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" The Government have repeatedly given the assurance that in disputes relating to grant of bonus, the issue would normally be referred to a Tribunal for adjudication. Why should the Government in this particular case refuse to refer the issue for adjudication? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It has been reported that the management of the factory has treated the 10 per cent additional bonus declared for the workers for the year 1953 as their contribution to the Provident fund. The Government, therefore, think that there is no case for adjudication in this matter."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" ஸார். தொழிலாளிகளுக்கு போனஸ் தொகை கொடுப்பதைப்பற்றி கன்ஸிலியேஷன் அதிகாரியினுடைய சிபாரிசு என்ன ? இதபோன்ற மற்ற பிரச்னைகளில் அட்ஜுடிகேஷனுக்கு விடுவதில் துரிதமாக இப்பொழுது கொஞ்சம் முயற்சி எடுத்து வருகிறதை நான் உணர்கிறேன். ஆனால், பாரி அண்டு கம்பெனி தகராறு சம்பந்தமாக அதை அட்ஜுடிகேனுக்குவிட சர்க்கார் மறுப்பதன் காரணம் என்ன ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The hon. Member need not imagine that there is a sense of partiality on the part of the Government towards Parry and Company. When the Government took a decision on the question of adjudication, they did take into account the interests of the workers."

Extension of the railway border road at Kannammapet, Thyagarayanagar, Madras.

* 1395 Q.—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the residents of Kannammapet, Thyagarayanagar, Madras, have submitted a memorandum to the Government for the continuation of the railway border road to serve about 3,000 residents in the locality; and

(b) whether the formation and continuation of the road is dropped on account of the objections of the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, in spite of the recommendations of the concerned Engineer for the construction of the road?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it not a fact that even though the Corporation of Madras was prepared to construct this road running along the railway line, it was only the Government that stood against the decision of the Corporation Council in this regard? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" From the information at my disposal, it seems that the Corporation has resolved to drop the scheme for construction of the road south of the Madley road."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMY :—" Is it not a fact that the matter was considered fully by the Corporation Council and that it was the Corporation Council that objected to the scheme and not the Government? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That is what I said."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the decision to drop the scheme was first taken by the Corporation Council but on reconsideration the Council agreed to the lengthening of this road along the railway line."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The *pros* and *cons* of this matter are under examination."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Whoever might have spoiled the scheme originally, now that the Government have decided to take up the scheme, may I request them to expedite the matter because the place in question has not been improved and remains as it was twenty-five years ago with six streets, each 30 feet broad, looking almost like blind alleys? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The protests made against the dropping of the scheme are under consideration."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the objections of the Corporation are chiefly and mainly due to a desire on its part to placate one individual, powerful and having pull with the Corporation and the Government against the primary and rudimentary needs of the humblest folk of the City and if so, will he, in company with Mr. Nagarajan and me, inspect the site to satisfy himself as to the reasonableness of the demands of the contending parties including the Corporation of Madras? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already stated that the matter is under consideration."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" What induced the Corporation to go back on their original resolution? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Who can answer the question? "

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Number of persons convicted for Prohibition offences.

* 1396 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state how many persons were convicted in the State during 1952–53 for offences concerned with Prohibition?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" 65,751, Sir "

Watering of the roads by the Panur Panchayat Board, North Malabar, within its limits.

* 1397 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have received any complaint from the Panur Panchayat Board in North Malabar regarding the refusal of the Government to sanction the watering of the roads by the Board within its limits?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Yes, Sir. The Regional Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has since permitted the Panur Panchayat in Malabar district to incur expenditure on watering the Bazaar road in the panchayat area."

Expenditure incurred on the rehabilitation of refugees.

* 1398 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent towards the rehabilitation of refugees during 1951–52 and 1952–53; and

(*b*) the number of refugees who enjoyed the above help?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*)

	1951–52	1952–53.
	RS.	RS.
	1,21,940	2,49,266
" (*b*)	631 adults	659 adults.
	204 children.	204 children."

Coconut Nursery at Pattambi, South Malabar.

* 1399 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to shift the Coconut Nursery from Pattambi, South Malabar, to some other place;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation in this regard; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) There was a proposal not to shift but to close down the coconut nursery at Pattambi mainly on account of poor water-supply facilities.

" (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (c) It is proposed to continue the nursery at Pattambi in order to raise about 5,000 seedlings for distribution to the small growers in the neighbourhood."

Fixation of minimum bus fare in the mufassal.

* 1400 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to fix the minimum bus fare in the mufassal at a rate lower than five annas?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that the Hon. Minister himself promised to look into the matter on a previous occasion, in view of the fact that the rate of five annas fixed as the minimum is very excessive and in view of the present economic depression will the Government consider the question immediately of reducing the fare? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We will examine the suggestion with reference to the rules."

Supply of electricity to Tyagadurgam, Kallakurichi and Chinnasalem, South Arcot district.

* 1401 Q.—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any scheme for the supply of electricity from Vettavalam to Tyagadurgam, Kallakurichi and Chinnasalem has been sanctioned; and

(b) if so, when it was sanctioned and when it is proposed to be implemented?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) & (b) Yes. A scheme for extension of supply of electricity to Kallakurichi, Tyagadurgam and Chinnasalem in South Arcot district, Mettur Electricity System, was sanctioned in December 1952 and it will be taken up for execution in the current year."

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Amendment of certain bye-laws of the Urban Bank, Limited, Alanallur, South Malabar.

* 1402 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received through the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras, a memorandum, dated 2nd April 1954, from the President, Alanallur Urban Bank, Limited, South Malabar, and also a copy of the resolutions passed by the general body of the said Bank on 1st April 1954, amending bye-laws Nos. 2, 16, 17 and 24 so as to permit borrowing from outsiders; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) No, Sir. But a petition has been received direct by Government from the President of the Alanallur Urban Bank, Limited.

" (*b*) The requests are being examined in consultation with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies."

Cutting off of the crop raised by Harijans on the Willingdon Reservoir poramboke lands.

* 1403 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Tahsildar, Vriddhachalalm taluk, has cut off the crops raised on the Willingdon Reservoir poramboke lands by 250 landless Harijans and auctioned the same under the orders of the Collector of South Arcot district; and

(*b*) if so, the compensation, if any, given to the Harijans by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) Yes, Sir, but only three occupations relate to Harijans."

" (*b*) No compensation was paid to any person."

Appointment of Harijans as trustees in the temples.

* 1404 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state how many Harijan trustees have been appointed in the temples under the administrative control of the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—" Fifteen."

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Eviction of Harijans from certain cheris of Tiruchirappalli town.

* 1405 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that large-scale evictions of Harijans from the cheris of Kallumandai, Jailpettai, Pillayarkottai and Woriyur cheri in the town of Tiruchirappalli have been ordered by the Revenue and Municipal authorities; and

(*b*) what steps the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI:—" (*a*) The Revenue Department of Government have not ordered eviction of Harijans from the places occupied by them in Kallumandai, Jailpettai, Pillayarkottai and Woriyur localities of Tiruchirappalli town. But the Tiruchirappalli Municipal authorities had ordered eviction in certain cases for unauthorized encroachments on municipal sites.

" (*b*) The Government do not propose to interfere in the matter. They will, however, be prepared, subject to availability of funds, to consider on merits, applications from local bodies for loans and subsidies for undertaking schemes for the construction of houses for their labourers."

Community Project Scheme for the Ponneri taluk.

* 1406 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent for Community Project works in Ponneri taluk on establishment, i.e., by way of salaries, allowances and for Community Project schemes in the year 1953–54; and

(*b*) the places where the schemes were carried out in the year 1953–54 and the progress made so far?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) The Community Project Scheme has not been introduced in the Ponneri taluk so far.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Construction of a dam at Valiyakandy in Mavilayi village, Chirakkal taluk, Malabar.

* 1407 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has recently received any letter from any Member of the House regarding grant of money and permission to Peralasseri devaswam for the construction of a vented dam at Valiyakandy in Mavilayi village in Chirakkal taluk in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken with regard to the matter?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) It is being examined by the Government."

Number of members belonging to Backward Classes in the staff of the Co-operative department.

* 1408 Q.—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the total number of Backward classes employees in all the posts in the Co-operative department from the rank of Junior Inspectors of Co-operative Societies upwards in the Residuary State?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Three hundred and forty-six members belonging to Backward classes are working in the Co-operative department from the rank of Junior Inspectors upwards."

Grievances of the elementary school teachers.

* 1409 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions passed by the Elementary School Teachers' Conference held at Perambalur on 14th February 1954;

(b) whether resolutions were passed by teachers in the said conference requesting the Government not to retrench the existing number of elementary school teachers as a result of the working of the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education and also not to impose the responsibility of increasing the strength of the pupils in the elementary schools, upon the teachers;

(c) whether the Government have examined the several resolutions passed in the said Conference; and

(d) if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) to (d) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to starred question No. 1091 (1689) answered on 19th May 1954."

Regulation of private irrigation sources in Malabar.

* 1410 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to regulate and control private irrigation sources of Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " Yes."

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Number of "Neera" tapping co-operative societies in Salem district.

* 1411 Q.—SRI T. S. ARDHANARI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of "Neera" tapping co-operative societies in Salem district?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—"163, Sir."

Appointment of Harijans as members in the Taluk Government Civil Hospital Committees in Malabar.

* 1412 Q.—SRI KUNHI MOHAMAD SHAFEE (on behalf of Sri M. Chadayan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any Harijans have been appointed as members in any of the Taluk Government Civil Hospital Committees in Malabar and, if so, in which?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"None, Sir."

Delay in the payment of salary to the District Board Elementary School teachers, Malabar.

11.40 a.m. * 1413 Q.—SRI N. GOPALA MENON: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations were received by the Government from the Malabar District Board Elementary School Teachers' Union that salaries of teachers are not being regularly paid; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government propose to take to ensure their prompt payment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(a) & (b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to Legislative Assembly starred question No. 965 (1879) put by the hon. Sri M. Narayana Kurup answered on 19th May 1954."

Eviction of Harijans in Panjetti village, Ponneri taluk.

* 1414 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tahsildar of Ponneri issued orders recently for the eviction of 47 Harijan families in Panjetti village, Ponneri taluk, from 40 acres of land of which they had been in possession for the past six years; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to assign the said lands to the said Harijans?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"(a) The occupations in 26·70 acres in Panjetti Thangal were ordered to be evicted because they were objectionable.

"(b) No, Sir."

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SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—" May I know whether these Harijan ryots waited in deputation on the Hon. Chief Minister and the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue? I do not know what has become of the petition that was submitted to the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue. I would like to know what action has been taken on the petition of these Harijan ryots."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The petition was thoroughly examined. It was found baseless. I also thought at first that there would be some truth. But on examination, I found that there was no foundation for the complaint referred to in the petition."

Construction of West Coast road.

* 1415 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any communication from the Central Government regarding the construction of a West Coast Road; and

(b) if so, when the Government will start this work?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Some of the works on the road are under execution and the remaining works will be taken up shortly in batches."

Starting of a bus route from Ponnani to Chalissery via *Changaramkulam.*

* 1416 Q.—SRI E. T. KUNHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to start a bus route from Ponnani to Chalissery *via* Changaramkulam?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) The answer is in the negative."

Special rules for the Madras State Higher Judicial Service.

* 1417 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether in 1951, the Government issued orders constituting the Madras State Higher Judicial Service and integrating the posts of District Munsifs, Subdivisional Magistrates, Presidency Magistrates and Sub-Judges;

(b) how many persons in the Madras Subordinate Judicial Service lost their seniority or were affected otherwise, as a consequence of the abovesaid order;

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(*c*) the services of how many persons in the post of Presidency Magistrates appointed temporarily under emergency provisions from the cadre of Deputy Collectors and Madras Civil Service (Executive Branch) were regularized as members of the Madras State Judicial Service;

(*d*) whether the Madras Public Service Commission were consulted in the matter;

(*e*) if not, whether the Commission pointed out that the decision of the Government was *ultra vires* in so far it related to the Madras State Judicial Service; and

(*f*) whether the Government subsequently made consultation with the Public Service Commission and made any revision of the orders; and, if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Separate rules called the special rules for the Madras State Higher Judicial Service were issued in 1951 in respect of posts of District Judges and certain isolated posts.

Other posts in the subordinate judiciary, namely, Sub-Judges, District Munsifs, Judicial Subdivisional Magistrates and Presidency Magistrates were constituted into one cadre consequent on the implementation of the Scheme of Separation of the Judiciary. In regard to these posts certain tentative decisions were taken in 1951 which were embodied in the special rules for the State Judicial Service in October 1953 after consulting the Services Commission and the High Court.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Presumably the hon. Member is referring to the decision taken tentatively in 1951 in regard to six persons who had been appointed as Presidency Magistrates temporarily. These persons were previously members of the Bar with experience on the criminal side. The question of absorbing them regularly is still under consideration of the Government and no final decision has been taken. No question of loss of seniority of other officers has yet arisen.

" (*d*) to (*f*) The tentative decisions were reached without consulting the Commission. The Commission raised an objection on the assumption that the decisions were final but the position was explained to the Commission subsequently. The Government have now accepted a course suggested by the Commission on the question of regularizing the services of the six persons who were appointed temporarily and the matter is pending with the Commission."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" May I know whether any complaint was received by Government from members of the Judicial Service affected by seniority, regarding these rules? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. I remember certain complaints were received."

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Dispute between the workers and the management of the Deccan Sugar and Abkari Company, Limited, Pugalur, Tiruchirappalli district.

* 1418 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the Government have received any representations from the Sugar Factory Mill Workers' Union of the Pugalur Sugar Factory, Tiruchirappalli district, alleging large-scale retrenchment of workers and conversion of a large number of workers as casual labourers; and

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken to settle the dispute between the workers and management in this regard?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Government have received a representation from the Deccan Sugar and Abkhari Company, Limited, Workers' Union, Pugalur, alleging cut in wages and non-employment of about fifty workers on the re-opening of the factory on 1st March 1954.

" (*b*) The Government, after considering the conciliation report of the Labour Officer, have decided that there is no case for intervention on any of the disputes raised by the union. The union has been informed accordingly."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த கம்பெனியின் மானேஜ்மென்டை பாரி கம்பெனியே பார்ப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்ன பதிலில் இருந்து தெரியவருகிறது. பாரி கம்பெனியும் பிரிட்டிஷ் கம்பெனியாக இருப்பதனால் இந்த மாதிரி அடஜூடிகேஷன் விஷயத்தில் என்ன கொள்கை கையாளப்படுகிறது ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I need not seriously refute the insinuation made by the hon. Member. Each case is examined on its merits. Only after close examination of all aspects, we decided not to refer this matter for adjudication. I shall give the reasons :

(1) *Re-employment of fifty permanent workers.*—It has been reported that the management and the union have come to an understanding as a result of the intervention of the growers of Pugalur. No action is therefore considered necessary regarding their re-employment.

(2) The workers were discharged at the time of the closure of the concern and they would have no further claim on the company. They were recruited afresh purely on a temporary basis when the factory was opened for a short duration at the request of the cane growers on new terms of contract. The terms about an all inclusive wage were clearly indicated in the notice put up by the management and the workers accepted to work under the new conditions. The workers could therefore have no grievance that they were not paid wages at the old rates.

It was on these considerations that Government could not refer this matter to adjudication."

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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" மானேஜ்மெண்டு தொழில் சட்டங்களுக்கு, அதாவது தொழிலாளர்களை வேலையிலிருந்து நீக்குவது, பிறகு அவர்களை அமர்த்துவது, வேலையாட்களின் சம்பளத்தைக் குறைப்பது, வேலை நிறுத்தம், மில்களை மூடுவது முதலியன பற்றியும், மறைமுகமாக கையாளும் முறை சர்க்காருக்கு தெரியுமா ? இவைபோன்றவைகளுக்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்போகிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Where it has been brought to the notice of Government that any particular management have purposely disallowed the just claims of workers, necessary action is being taken by Government against the concerned management. So far as this matter is concerned, the factory has to be closed down because the sugarcane growers struck work and refused to supply cane to the factory."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" புகளூர் தொழிற்சாலையில் தொழிலாளர்களின் கூலியை ஒரு பாயிண்டுக்கு 2½ அணாவிலிருந்து 2 அணாவாக குறைத்திருக்கிறார்கள். இந்த மாதிரியாக தொழிற்சாலைகளில் தொழிலாளர்களின் கூலியைக் குறைப்பதன் காரணத்தினால் தொழிலாளிகள் மிகவும் கஷ்டப்படுகிறார்கள். இந்த விதமான கஷ்டங்களை நீக்கி சர்க்கார் சீக்கிரமாக நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered that Government could not do anything in the matter."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" What is the harm in referring this particular dispute to adjudication? Surely the Industrial Tribunal can judge for itself whether the Pugalur factory's closure was *bona fide* or not and whether there had been any reduction in wages? Why should the Government judge things for themselves? If this is the attitude that Government take with regard to every industrial dispute, then why have any Industrial Tribunal? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It cannot be expected that Government should invariably refer each and every industrial dispute for adjudication. Just as some good lawyers refuse to accept a brief, Government have got to refuse to refer a matter for adjudication in cases where they have valid reasons to believe that it is not a fit case. If they think that it is a fit case for the workers, they refer the case for adjudication. Wherein they are convinced that it is not a fit case for workers, Government just as some good lawyers refuse to accept a brief, do not refer the matter for adjudication so as to save the workers from litigation."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் நான் சொல்லக்கூடிய குற்றச்சாட்டுகளை விருப்புவெறுப்பு இன்றி பார்க்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன். பாரி கம்பெனி இன்றைய கரும்பு நிலச்சுவாந்தார்களுடன் கூடிப்பேசி தொழிலாளர்கள்மீது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க உதவி செய்வதற்கு ஒப்பந்தம் செய்துகொண்டு கரும்பு கிடைக்கவில்லை என்று தொழிலாளர்களை வேலையில்லையென்று சொல்லி நீக்கி விட்டார்கள். உண்மையாகப்பார்த்தால் கரும்புக் குறைவு ஒன்றும் இல்லை. ஆதலால் இதை மீண்டும் பரிசீலனை செய்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா ? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may say again I need not answer that insinuation. The information I have with me goes to show that the cane-growers refused to supply cane to the factory because they thought that they could earn better by converting it into jaggery."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Is it the contention of Government that even a demand for the restoration of a cut in daily wages is an unjust demand and that the same should not be referred to a tribunal for adjudication? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We have been referring so many disputes for adjudication. Government examine every case on its merits."

Reconstruction of the bridge at Beltangadi on the Mangalore-Mysore Road.

* 1419 Q.—SRI K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned under the Development Scheme the reconstruction of the bridge at Beltangadi, on the Mangalore-Mysore road;

(b) if so, why no provision has been made in the Budget for 1954–55;

(c) whether the Government propose to take up the work; and

(d) if so, when?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The estimate was technically sanctioned only recently. Hence no provision could be made for it in the budget for 1954–55.

" (c) & (d) Tenders have been called for and the work is expected to be taken up for execution during this year."

Removal of silt from the Kalnad stream in Kasargode taluk, South Kanara district.

* 1420 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any information regarding the silting of the Kalnad stream in Kasargode taluk, South Kanara district; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to remove the silt?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) The Kalnad stream in Kasargode taluk has silted up for about 5,280 feet.

" (b) The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, has been asked to investigate the matter and his report is awaited."

Opening of a Research section in Unani medicine in the Government College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras.

* 1421 *Q.*—SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to start a Research section in Unani medicine in the Government College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras;

(*b*) whether any researches have been carried out in the Ayurveda section and if so, with what result; and

(*c*) the measures proposed to be taken for improving the Unani department?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Researches in Ayurveda have been carried out in the College of Indigenous Medicine. No preparations of ayurvedic medicine were analysed chemically, but single raw drugs like Rasna, Nimba and Kantakari were analysed with a view to find out the active principles. The analysis has yielded satisfactory result.

" (*c*) No measures for the improvement of the Unani department is under consideration of the Government at present."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMY :—" Is the Hon. Minister for Health aware of the fact that because of the apathy shown by this Government towards the indigenous system of medicine, many valuable Indian herbs are being taken away to America and they come back here as good and costly medicines? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Central Government are taking interest in the matter. They have started a research centre (for indigenous medicines) at Jamnagar."

Missing of National Savings Certificate in the office of the South Arcot District Board.

* 1422 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Local Fund Auditor raised any audit objection regarding the missing of National Savings Certificate in the office of the South Arcot District Board during the years 1949 to 1952; and

(*b*) if so, what it was?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :— " (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The objection referred to the non-production of 12 National Savings Certificates to the value of Rs. 52,000 for physical verification."

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"Transferred officers" in the Andhra Government offices located in Madras City.

* 1423 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 11 a.m.

(*a*) the number of staff belonging to the Residuary State employed as transferees in the Andhra Government offices functioning in the Madras City such as the Board of Revenue and other offices;

(*b*) how many of them are permanent and how many are temporary officials of this State; and

(*c*) whether they will be absorbed in the Residuary State services at the time of the shifting of these offices from the Madras City?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(*a*) Seventeen Gazetted officers have been taken as 'transferred officers' for service in the Andhra Government offices located in Madras City. They are liable to transfer to other appropriate posts in the Andhra State so long as they are in the service of that State.

"(*b*) Thirteen Gazetted Officers are permanent and the remaining four are temporary. Of the Non-gazetted officers 52 are permanent while 63 are temporary.

"(*c*) Under Section 63 (5) of the Andhra State Act, 1953, a transferred officer is required to serve the Andhra State for two years but under the proviso to the above section the Government of Andhra may return any such officer to this State at any time before the expiration of the period of two years after giving three months' notice to him and to the Government of Madras. In the case of the permanent staff mentioned in clause (*b*) of the question, the staff will be absorbed in this State when they are reverted to this State by the Government of Andhra after giving due notice as prescribed in the Act. In the case of the temporary staff the question of absorption will depend not only on their reversion to this State but also on the availability of vacancies for their absorption."

Satyagraha by the workers of the Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills, Pappinisseri.

* 1424 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the workers of the Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills, Pappinisseri, have started Satyagraha before the mills to get the arrears of wages due to them; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government propose to take in the matter?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The workers have been advised to file applications with the Commissioner for Workemen's Compensation under the Payment of Wages Act for recovery of arrears of salary due to them."

* 1425 *Q*.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report or representation from the local officers regarding the mass Satyagraha resorted to by the workers of Pappinisseri Aaron Mills with effect from 18th February 1954; and

(*b*) if so, whether any enquiry has been made into the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" When a question on this subject came up before this Assembly last time, the Hon. Minister said that he would take action against the management for violating so many Labour Acts. May I inform the Hon. Minister that the management has violated the Industrial Disputes Act and the Payment of Wages Act? The management did not give notice to the workers before the closure of the factory. Have the Government taken any action against the management and what is the concrete proposal before the Government to give unemployment relief to the workers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The information that the Government have is that the factory has been closed because there was a lot of stock which could not be disposed of and that the concern is in a very bad condition financially. Government have been taking steps to get the arrears of wages paid."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the machinery and other property belonging to the Aaron Mills, Limited, Pappinisseri, have been fixed up for sale by auction by the various creditors and the debenture trustees? As the Hon. Minister has replied that the workers have been advised to file individual applications for recovery of arrears of salary, may I submit that by the time action is taken on the applications the property may be removed and put to auction? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Government have been looking into the legal position."

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Recommendations of the Tiruchirappalli District Irrigation Conferences.

* 1426 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member who gave notice of the question is not in his place, the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and nature of the recommendations made by the Tiruchirappalli District Irrigation Conferences held in April and October 1953; and

(*b*) the number and names of works sanctioned by the Government in response to their recommendations?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Twenty-three items in April and 24 items in October 1953 relating to repairs and improvements to existing irrigation sources and adequate supply of water to the channels, and taking up of new schemes.

" (*b*) No proposal for any new scheme as such suggested at the conferences have been received by Government. Such proposales, if feasible, will be forwarded to Government by the Public Works Department in due course. Regarding repairs to channels and improvement in supply of water, action has been taken by the local officers, where necessary."

Fire accident in the slum known as " Lalagunta " in Washermanpet, Madras.

* 1427 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a slum known as " Lalagunta " in Washermanpet, Madras, was destroyed by a fire accident recently; and

(*b*) the action taken to afford relief to the victims of this fire accident in getting their huts reconstructed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) A sum of Rs. 6,390 was sanctioned by the Government towards purchase and supply of building materials for the victims."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What is the estimated loss that was incurred by the residents of the locality by this fire accident? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I can say it will be about double this amount."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" How much was paid to each slum-dweller because of this fire accident? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Offhand I may say that it is Rs. 30."

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Deepening of drinking water wells in Dindigul taluk.

* 1428 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member who gave notice of the question is not in his place, the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI V. MADANAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) how much money was allotted and spent for deepening of drinking water wells in Dindigul taluk in 1953–54; and

(b) how many wells were deepened?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Separate figures showing the expenditure incurred on the 'deepening' of drinking water wells only in Dindigul taluk in 1953–54 are not available. The total allotment made and the amount actually spent in that year in that taluk on sinking of new wells and deepening of existing wells were Rs. 34,468 and Rs. 25,717 respectively.

" (b) Fourteen."

Withholding of the maintenance grant to the Pattayam Aided Elementary School, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar.

* 1429 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) why the maintenance grant for Pattayam Aided Elementary School in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, was withheld from 1948 to 1950; and

(b) what action has been taken on the representations to the Government by the Manager concerned?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The school was without a Registered Manager during the period from 19th June 1948 to 18th August 1950 as Sri K. M. Chandu Nair, the Teacher-Manager, had been declared unfit to be a Manager and as his T.S.L.C. certificate had been suspended. Hence the maintenance grant was withheld for the period.

" (b) The Teacher-Manager's petition for proportionate grant for the period from 1st January to 18th June 1948 was received after over three years and could not be considered."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" As even during the period when the Registered Manager was declared unfit to be the Manager, the institution was conducted properly as is evident from the fact that teaching grant was allowed to the institution. Without building and furniture, etc., no school could be conducted and in this case since the school has been conducted maintenance of the school was necessary and hence maintenance grant due is to be paid. Will the Hon. Minister reconsider the matter, see that the technical difficulties are removed and the grant that has been withheld is given? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As far as this particular Teacher-Manager is concerned, I am afraid we cannot consider the question of paying the grant for the period for which he was declared to be ineligible to be the Manager. If any representation is received with regard to the period prior to that, I am prepared to consider."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Subsequently, on the representation made by the Teacher, the Teachers' Union and some Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Government were pleased to remove the disqualification. But the grant was not paid."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The disqualification was removed subsequently, but no retrospective effect was given to it. During the period of his disqualification, he could not have been the Manager legally. With reference to the period when he was the Manager legally, I shall consider if any representation is made."

Implementation of the Plantations Labour Act of 1951.

* 1430 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Plantations Labour Act of 1951 has come into force in Madras State since 1st April 1954; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government to implement the provisions of the Act?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The provisions of the Act can be implemented fully only after rules are framed under the Plantations Labour Act, 1951. The Government of India are framing model rules in consultation with the State Governments and the employers' and employees' organizations.

The question of appointing special staff for enforcement of the Act is under the consideration of this Government."

Offences under the Madras Temple Entry Authorization Act of 1947.

* 1431 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many cases of offences committed under the provisions of the Madras Temple Entry Authorization Act of 1947 were brought to the notice of the Government and tried in the State during the years 1952, 1953 and 1954—up to date; and

(*b*) how many ended in conviction so far and how many are still pending?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Reports furnished by the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department, in consultation with the Collectors show that out of three cases which were filed in Malabar in 1952, two ended in acquittal and one in conviction, and that one case which was filed in Ramanathapuram in 1953 is still pending. No cases were filed in the remaining districts other than Madurai. Particulars for Madurai are not available."

Execution of certain road works in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district.

* 1432 *Q.*—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Special Officer for the District Board, South Arcot, has submitted proposals for sanction for the execution of the following road works in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district :—

(1) Formation of Damanoor Road;

(2) Formation of Ammakulam to Echur Road;

(3) Formation of Naganur to Kalavai Road;

(4) Formation of Aviyur to Sethuvesayanaller Road;

(5) Formation of Veeranamoor to Aviyur Road;

(6) Road from Tindivanam-Gingee Road to Pallikulam village;

(7) Road from Gingee-Tiruvannamalai Road to Solanthangal village, Gingee taluk; and

(8) Road from Perianolambai village to Gingee-Chetput Road; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The works relating to formation of (1) Damanoor road, (2) Naganur to Kalavai road and (3) road from Perianolambai village to Gingee-Chetput road are included in the Five-Year Plan of road development. The Special Officer, South Arcot District Board, has sent through the Chief Engineer (Highways) proposals for their execution. The proposals will be considered on receipt of the remarks from the Chief Engineer (Highways). The remaining works are not included in any of the approved programmes of road development. Proposals for their inclusion in the programmes are under consideration by the district board."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall take five minutes more and finish the rest of the questions."

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Transfer of certain lands to the control of the Forest Department in Namakkal taluk.

* 1433 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the river padugai lands in Namakkal taluk belonging to the Public Works Department have been handed over to the Forest Department; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes. A list of lands taken over by the Forest department and their extent is given below :—

		ACS.
(1)	Vadagarai Attur	102·9
(2)	Vengarai	56·43
(3)	Devarajasamudram	16·75
(4)	Velur	28·60
(5)	Pandamangalam	43·09
(6)	Komarapalayam	6·22
(7)	S. Manapalli	93·31
(8)	Nohanur	13·26
	Total ..	360·64

Oravandiyur and Island Padugai lands about 71·24 acres will be taken over by the Forest department shortly.

" (*b*) With a view to develop these areas it was considered desirable from a silvicultural point of view to transfer the areas to the control of the Forest department."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த நிலத்தை பாரஸ்ட் டிபார்ட்மெண்ட்டில் எடுத்துக்கொண்டதைப்பற்றி ஆட்சேபணை இல்லை. அங்கு 40 ஏக்கரில் சுமார் 800 குடும்பங்கள் வாழ்ந்து வந்தன. அந்தக் குடும்பங்களெல்லாம் அப்புறப்படுத்தப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. அப்படி செய்யாமல், பாரஸ்ட் டிபார்ட்மெண்டிற்கு ஒரு உத்தரவு போட்டு நிலத்திலிருந்து அவர்களை அப்புறப்படுத்தாமல் இருப்பதற்கு நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பதற்கு முடியுமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Subject to the requirements for carrying out the regeneration programme, we shall permit *kumri* cultivation in the area."

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Road Construction and Minor Irrigation Overseer Course of the Annamalai University.

* 1434 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—"As the hon. Member Sri K. Aranganathan, who gave notice of the question, is not in his place, the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the certificates issued for completing the "Road Construction and Minor Irrigation Overseer Course" by the Annamalai University during the academic years 1945–46 and 1946–47 have been recognized to be equivalent to the certificates issued for completing similar courses under the Madras Government?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"The temporary course of minor irrigation and road construction run by the Annamalai University for a short time and later abolished, has not been specifically recognized to be equivalent to similar courses under the Madras Government. It has, however, been recognized as a prescribed qualification under the Madras Minor Irrigation Subordinate Service Rules for appointment to posts of overseers in that service. In regard to the candidates possessing the Minor Irrigation and Road Construction diploma appointed as overseers or draftsmen in the Public Works Department and as draftsman in the Highways Department, the relevant rules have been relaxed to regularize their appointments."

Payment of a grant to the Madhava Memorial Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Cannanore.

12 noon. * 1435 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received a memorandum, dated 12th January 1953, from the Principal, Madhava Memorial Ayurvedic College, Cannanore, requesting the Government for grant-in-aid for the college; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government examined the proposal for the payment of a grant to the Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Cannanore, and the Principal of the institution was informed in Government Memorandum No. 37062-I/53-1, Health, dated 20th July 1953, that in view of the financial difficulties of the Government, the proposal should be deferred."

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* 1436 *Q.*—SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have deferred the request of the Kerala Ayurvedic Society, Cannanore, Malabar, for 'Grant-in-aid' to the Madhava Memorial Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Cannanore; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government had to defer the request, because of the financial stringency of the State."

[Starred question No. 1437 answered along with starred question No. 1371.]

Expenditure on the elections to panchayats.

* 1438 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenditure incurred in connexion with panchayat elections in the State; and

(*b*) the total number of panchayat boards in the State?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) The total expenditure incurred in connexion with the recent elections to panchayats up to 31st January 1954 was Rs. 3,52,747–9–5.

" (*b*) The total number of panchayats in the State is 4,596."

Reversion of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars after the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive.

* 1439 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to his answer to starred question No. 41, dated 4th March 1954, the number of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in this State who stand reverted on or before 4th March 1954 and who have satisfactorily completed their probation in the Revenue Department after separation of the Judiciary from the Executive?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—

" Tahsildars—11.

Deputy Tahsildars—66."

Abolition of the Panchakarma Ward in the hospital attached to the Government College of Indigenous Medicine.

* 1440 *Q.*—SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have abolished the Panchakarma Ward in the hospital attached to the Government College of Indigenous Medicine; and

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(*b*) if so, the total number of patients whose names were registered in the waiting list at the time?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Panchakarma Ward in the Hospital of Indigenous Medicine has not been abolished, but the name of the ward has been changed into Ayurveda Ward II.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

Harijan students in the Veterinary College of Madras.

* 1441 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of students studying in the Veterinary College, Madras; and

(*b*) the number of Harijans among them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) During 1953–54, 314 students were studying in the Madras Veterinary College for the B.V.Sc. course of which one was a Harijan, and 41 students were studying for the Veterinary and Livestock Inspector's course of which none was a Harijan."

Assignment of darkhast lands to Harijans in Kasaragod taluk.

* 1442 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of darkhast petitions received by Government from the Harijans of Kasaragod taluk since 1948 up to 31st December 1953;

(*b*) in how many cases assignments have been made so far; and

(*c*) in how many cases petitions have been rejected?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—

" (*a*) 1,154.

" (*b*) 168.

" (*c*) 671."

Closure of handloom co-operative societies in 1953.

* 1443 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state how many handloom co-operative societies were closed due to loss in the year 1953?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Only one Handloom Weavers' Society was closed in 1953 due to loss. Six societies were closed due to reasons other than loss in transactions."

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(*a*) when the work relating to the formation of the road from Tyagadurgam to Sankarapuram in South Arcot district was sanctioned and started;

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No Harijan is employed under the National Extension Service in the Payyanur and Tellicherry blocks in Malabar district. The prime consideration in filling up the posts was to pick out the best men suitable for the job and men who have aptitude for social work. Further, this is not direct recruitment in which communal consideration can be taken into account, consistently with the maintenance of efficiency of administration, as provided in the Constitution. Selection was therefore, made from among the various services."

Representation regarding the service conditions of graduates of Ayurvedic Colleges.

* 1446 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

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217 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

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(*c*) how many Harijans have been provided with such facilities in Tiruvallur taluk under this scheme during the said period?

A.—(*a*) No separate provision for the extension of supply of electricity to Firka Development areas or National Extension Service areas is made.

(*b*) The number of pumpsets supplied with electricity and the expenditure incurred on the extension of supply of electricity to Ikkadu and Salai villages, selected for intensive rural reconstruction in Tiruvallur taluk are as shown below :—

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Assignment of house-sites to Harijans in certain villages in South Arcot district.

218 *Q*.—Sri M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government for providing necessary funds for digging wells for drinking purposes and for assigning house-sites to the Harijans in the following villages in South Arcot district:—

(1) Sembalamkurichi,

(2) Kandiankuppam,

(3) Kuppanatham circle,

(4) Katcharayanatham circle,

(5) villages which are in the north of the road (highways) leading from Vriddhachalam to Cuddalore in Oomangalam firka.

(6) villages which are in the east of the trunk road leading from Vriddhachalam to Mangalampet, and

(7) Kadambuliyur firka; and

(*b*) the names of villages, if any, talukwar in South Arcot district which are included for improvement under the Five-Year Plan?

A.—(*a*) The Government have recently sanctioned the acquisition of an extent of 7·63 acres of land in Seppakkam village of Vriddhachalam taluk for the extension of the cheri and for provision of house-sites to 95 families with a view to relieve congestion. There are no other proposals for assignment of house-sites in the villages mentioned. Regarding construction of wells, Sembalamkurichi village, and the villages noted below, of Oomangalam firka have been included in the three-year programme of the Rural Water-supply Scheme (commencing from 1953–54) which is part of the Five-Year Plan of the National Planning Commission :—

(1) Vadakkuvelur (Harijan quarters).

(2) Gopurapuram (Harijan quarters).

(3) Mudanai (Harijan quarters).

(4) Kotteritherku.

(5) Ammeri.

The well works in all these six villages except Ammeri are proposed to be taken up for execution in 1954–55. The work in Ammeri village is proposed to be taken up in 1955–56. Necessary funds for the execution of these works have been provided for in the Budget Estimate for 1954–55. The villages Kandiankuppam, Kuppanatham and Katcharayanatham circle have not been taken up under the Rural Water-supply Scheme. No village of Kadambuliyur firka has been included

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in the Rural Water-supply Programme as provision of drinking water wells in this firka is being attended to under the National Extension Service Scheme. However, it has been ascertained from the Block Development Officer, Panruti, that sixteen wells have been dug so far in Kadambuliyur firka.

There are only very few cheris in the interior part to the east of the trunk road from Vriddhachalam to Mangalampet. The water table in this part of the district is more than 120 feet deep and many of the villages are not provided with protected water-supply. The Harijans of these places are now taking water for drinking purposes from ponds along with the caste-Hindus. The Board of Revenue has sanctioned an allotment of Rs. 2,00,000 for the Rural Water-supply Works for expenditure in 1954–55. Estimates have not yet been sanctioned for any of these works. The works will be taken up for execution from the above funds as soon as the estimates are sanctioned.

(*b*) The Five-Year Plan of this State was drawn up taking into consideration the needs of the State as a whole and not with reference to any particular taluk or constituency in the State. The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the answer already given to starred question No. 1389.

Higher elementary schools run by the Harijan Welfare department.

219 *Q*.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of the Harijan Welfare Higher Elementary schools, districtwar; and

(*b*) whether any Harijan welfare schools having more than 100 students were converted into higher elementary Harijan Welfare schools and if so how many were so converted in the year 1953–54?

A.—(*a*) Districtwar list of higher elementary schools run by the Harijan Welfare Department—

Tiruchirapalli district.

Harijan Welfare Higher Elementary School, Thiruthaliyur, Musiri taluk.

South Kanara district.

1 Harijan Welfare Higher Elementary School, Cheruvathur, Kasargod taluk.

2 Harijan Welfare Higher Elementary School, Paduperan, Mangalore taluk.

Chingleput district.

Harijan Welfare Higher Elementary School, Vadagarai, Saidapet taluk.

North Arcot district.

Harijan Welfare Higher Elementary School, Perumugai, Vellore taluk.

Malabar district.

Harijan Welfare Higher Elementary School, Vengara, Chirakkal taluk.

Madras City.

H.P.B. Higher Elementary School, Kodambakkam.

(*b*) Only one school in South Kanara district was converted into higher elementary school during 1953–54.

Formation of Harijan Welfare and Backward Classes Committees.

220 *Q.*—Sri A. Ratnam: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many times the State Harijan Welfare and Backward Classes Committees were formed from the year 1948 to February 1954;

(*b*) how many times the Committees met and discussed problems regarding the welfare of Harijans and Backward Classes; and

(*c*) whether the Budget on 'Harijan Welfare' and 'Backward Classes' is scrutinized by the Committees' members?

A.—(*a*) State Harijan Welfare Committee: Four times. Backward Classes Advisory Committee: Four times.

(*b*) (i) State Harijan Welfare Committee: 22 times.
(ii) Backward Classes Advisory Committee: 6 times.

(*c*) *Harijan Welfare Budget.*—Yes. The Budget on Harijan Welfare for the years 1951–52 and 1952–53 was scrutinized by the State Harijan Welfare Committee on 6th October 1950 and September 1951 respectively. The Budget proposals for 1953–54 and 1954–55 were however not placed before the Committee in view of the urgency and as the reconstitution of the Committee was then under the consideration of Government.

Backward Classes Budget.—The Budget on Backward Classes is not placed before the Advisory Committee for scrutiny.

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Repairs to the minor irrigation tanks in Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district.

221 Q.—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of minor irrigation tanks talukwar in Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district;

(*b*) the number repaired in each taluk during the last five years with the cost of repairs to each tank;

(*c*) whether the Tank Restoration Scheme is in vogue in Pudukkottai Division; and

(*d*) if not, why?

A.—

(*a*) Alangudi taluk—710.
Kolathur taluk—877.
Tirumayam taluk—1,227.

(*b*) The number repaired in each taluk during the last five years with the total cost of repairs talukwar is as follows:—

Name of the taluk.	Number.	Total costs. RS.	A.	P.
Alangudi	195	3,51,117	0	0
Kolathur	210	2,21,002	12	0
Tirumayam	404	4,28,028	0	0

The Member is informed that the Government do not consider it worthwhile to furnish the particulars of repairs to each tank, for five years as it will not be commensurate with the benefit to be derived thereby.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Tank Restoration Scheme is not in vogue in Pudukkottai Division because the Tank Restoration Party is not working in Tiruchirappalli district.

Grant of loan to the villagers in North Arcot district for digging wells and constructing roads.

222 Q.—Sri D. DASARATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether any loan or aid was given by the Government in 1952 to villagers in North Arcot district for the purpose of building roads and digging wells; and if so, how much for each item?

A.—No loan was granted to villagers in rural areas in North Arcot district for constructing roads. A sum of Rs. 1,44,550 was advanced to villagers for sinking wells during the year 1952.

26 culverts and 7 bridges. The total estimated cost of the culverts and bridges constructed and in progress is Rs. 1,56,200.

Social education.—Sixty adult Literacy Centres were opened. Eleven Recreation Centres at a cost of Rs. 13,420 were sanctioned. Six Women's Club at a cost of about Rs. 5,000 were opened and three more at a cost of about Rs. 5,000 will be opened shortly. Three students' camps were conducted for 15 days each in which nearly 500 students participated. Four hundred and ten cultural programmes were organized, 110 Charkas were distributed and 17 Youth Leagues, 5 Children's Clubs, 60 Social Service Leagues and 1 Kalari Sangam were organized. Fifty-nine Social Service Days were celebrated. Thirty-six Libraries were revived.

Rural arts and crafts.—Nine Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies were formed and a sum of about Rs. 15,000 was granted as loans to these societies. Fifty Charkas were distributed at half the cost price to the Elapully Self-Sufficient Centre.

Electricity.—The following three schemes are under execution at a total cost of Rs. 9·5 lakhs :—

(i) Extension of supply of power to Kollengode;

(ii) Extension of supply of power to Polpully; and

(iii) Extension of supply of power to Alathur and adjoining villages.

(*b*) No.

TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

Grant of exemption to candidates selected for appointments as Second-class Magistrates.

225 *Q.*—SRI KUNHI MOHAMAD SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the office held, the age and the length of service of each of the candidates recently selected from the Ministerial Service of the High Court for whom exemptions were granted by the Government for appointment as Second-class Magistrates: and

(*b*) the reasons for granting such exemptions?

A.—(*a*) The information is given below :—

Name of candidate.	Office held.	Age.	Length of service.
1 Sri K. Parthasarathi.	Upper Division Clerk, High Court.	About 26 years.	3 years.

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Name of candidate.	Office held.	Age.	Length of service.
2 Sri S. Kuppuswami.	Special Clerk, Administrative Department, High Court.	About 32 years.	11 years.
3 Sri V. Srinivasa Rao.	Upper Division Clerk, High Court.	33 years.	More than 10 years.
4 Sri M. Basappa ...	Assistant Court Fee Examiner, High Court.	33 years.	Nearly 10 years.

(b) The High Court which makes the selections and appointments to these posts reported that it took particular care to select only such candidates as possessed very good record even if in the case of some of them they did not satisfy the strict requirements of the rules such as over-age, deficiency of service, etc. There was also a need to minimise hardship to the High Court staff entailed by the partition which was met partly by absorbing some of them as Sub-Magistrates. The Government considered the High Court's request as reasonable and granted the exemption.

Applications for loan under the Madras Cottage Industries Loan and Subsidy Rules, 1948, *received from Tanjore district.*

226 *Q.*—Sri S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applications for loan were received under the Madras Cottage Industries Loan and Subsidy Rules, 1948, during the year 1953 from Tanjore district; and

(*b*) how many of them were rejected and the reasons therefor?

A.—(*a*) Four applications.

(*b*) Three applications were rejected for want of proper security.

Prosecutions in Pudukottai Division of Tiruchirappalli district for violation of Timber Transport Rules.

227 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of prosecutions in Pudukottai Division of Tiruchirappalli district for violation of Timber Transport Rules each year since the enforcement of such rules in Pudukottai Division?

A.—There has been no case of prosecution in Pudukottai Division under the Timber Transport Rules which came into force from November 1953.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS *RE*

(1) PREVALENCE OF CHOLERA AND SMALLPOX IN CHIRAKKAL TALUK, NORTH MALABAR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar has given notice of an adjournment motion which reads as follows :—

'That this House be adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importanc·, namely, the failure of the Government to ta:kle the problem of public health which has re·ulted in a serious threat to the lives of the population of Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, due to spread of cholera and smallpox in an epidemic form.'

" I think this matter has been brought before the House a number of times."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" This is the first time that the Chirakkal taluk, as a whole, has been affected by cholera. Hence, this is the first time that I have the necessity to bring an adjournment motion to discuss this particular matter. This is the most fitting subject-matter for an adjournment motion inasmuch as it affects the lives of so many people in the whole of the taluk. Reports have appeared in the local dailies of Malabar, copies of which I have with me and I have also received letters to the effect that deaths are taking place due to attack of cholera in various places in Chirakkal taluk. There were some stray reports in the press even previously and representations were made to the Health Department by the people of Andur, Thaliyil and other places that there was smallpox prevailing in those places and that medical aid might be given. But no officer of the Health Department went to those places, nor was any medical aid given. No preventive measures were taken to check further spread of the disease. Now, the situation has become so serious that even the Collector of Malabar had to declare the whole of the taluk except the Cannanore Municipality as a cholera-affected area. We know that the Health Department never admit the fact that there is starvation of people or that there is any epidemic. The very fact that even the Collector of Malabar had to declare the whole of the Chirakkal taluk a cholera-affected area shows how virulent the epidemic is in that place. But mere recognition of the fact that there is prevalence of cholera will not in any way help the public. The whole of the tauk is on the verge of colapse. I am not exaggerating when I say this. One thousand three hundred workers of Pappinisseri have no job and thousands of textile workers of the Chirakkal taluk were thrown out of employment. As a result of this, a number of workers have to starve. Due to the criminal negligence of the Government in not acceding to our request to open gruel centres, thousands of workers have to starve. Without taking cognizance of the fact that thousands of people are starving, the Government have not come forward to give the necessary medical aid. The Government have failed to take adequate preventive measures. They

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ought to have rushed relief to the thousands of suffering people. This they have not done. Therefore I maintain that Government has got full responsibility in creating the present undesirable and calamitous situation there. So I request that the motion may be allowed."

* THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, when I came to know about this adjournment motion—adjournment motions have become usual with this hon. Member—I got information from the Director of Public Health. He says that Malabar district has been free from cholera from February 1954 to the third week of July 1954. There were two suspected cases after that and necessary measures have been taken to prevent the spread of infection. One thousand one hundred and sixty-two inoculations have been done. If the area has been declared as cholera-infected area, I think, it must have been done by way of abundant caution. That itself clearly shows how prompt the Government have been in this matter. I don't think there is any difficulty there which needs to be discussed under an adjournment motion. Everything is quiet in Malabar and it seems that there is some amount of disturbance only in the mind of the gentleman sitting opposite."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, we are discussing a matter of fact. The hon. Member has made it clear that the Collector of Malabar has declared a particular taluk as cholera-infected area. Even according to the information given by the Hon. Minister just now, there was no cholera there only up to the third week of July. But I must point out that we are not in the third week of July now. We are in the second week of August. Therefore, the answer given by the Hon. Minister cannot be accepted. This is a very serious matter. The Hon. Minister is not in a position to say what measures the Government have taken. Obviously, the Director of Public Health, to whom the adjournment motion would have been referred, is also not in a position to say what exactly the measures were that the Government have taken. The fact is that they have not taken any steps to help the poor people in that place. This only shows the negligence of the Government and the wonderful way in which the Government machinery moves. The Government should tackle this matter very quickly especially because the lives of thousands of people are involved in this matter. That is why this subject has to be considered immediately. Unfortunately, the position in the country seems to be that we have become immune to suffering. So many people are suffering under various circumstances. Their suffering is only taken for granted and no relief is given to them. Even in cases where the Government can give some effective help, it is not given. It is precisely for the purpose of drawing the attention of the House and the Government to a serious and urgent matter, this adjournment motion has been brought forward. It is quite in order and it may be allowed, Sir."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. the Health Minister was stating just now that there is some disturbance only in my mind and everything is quite all right in Malabar. May I most respectfully submit that it is due to the negligence,

I should say criminal negligence, on the part of the Health Department which is under the Hon. Minister, that the poor people of our place are attacked by cholera? The Hon. Minister in his answer said that Malabar was free from cholera up to the third week of July 1954. As the Hon. Leader of the Opposition correctly said, we are now in the second week of August. Even yesterday, I received four letters reporting three deaths in Andur village in Taliparamba and Karivellore in Payyanur firkas due to smallpox and cholera. This week two more deaths have taken place. In a daily paper of Malabar, editorial has been written on this matter. The Collector has notified the whole of that taluk—except the Cannanore Municipality—which has 76 villages as a cholera-infected area. This is not a small matter. The mere declaration of the area as a cholera-infected area will not suffice. We want that effective, suitable medical aid and other assistance must be immediately given. Suitable preventive measures must also be taken to prevent further attacks of cholera. We have repeatedly made these requests on a number of previous occasions. The Government have ignored our suggestions to open gruel centres and to afford medical aid, and as a result of this, the present situation has arisen."

* THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, beyond stating that the Collector of Malabar had notified that area as a cholera-infected area, no facts and figures have been given by the hon. Member. As far as we know, only two deaths took place which were suspected to be due to cholera. Prompt measures have been taken. Three Health Inspectors, one Overseer, one Sanitary Inspector and also Mazdoors are all there doing preventive work. As I have already stated 1,162 inoculations have been done. So, I don't think anything extraordinary has taken place in Malabar. The hon. Member is fond of always using superlatives. I don't think there in any case in favour of this adjournment motion "

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, it is obvious that the Hon. Minister has no information on this subject. We are living in an age in which we have telephonic communication. Before taking a decision on this matter, I request the Hon. Minister to phone up the Collector of Malabar and get the necessary information so that he may post himself with up-to-date information on the subject. After that, we can take up this matter for further consideration if necessary."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have now heard both sides. I do not think that this subject comes under rule 41 of the Madras Assembly Rules. So, I rule the motion out of order."

(2) SUDDEN DISMISSAL OF SIX WORKERS FROM KULAPPURAM AARON SPINNING AND WEAVING MILLS, PALAYANGADI, NORTH MALABAR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Mr. K. P. Gopalan has given notice of an adjournment motion. He gave it to me just two minutes before I started for the Chamber. So I had no time to give notice of the motion to the Hon. Minister. The motion reads as follows :—

'This Assembly stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the sudden dismissal of six workers from Kulappuram Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills, Palayangadi, North Malabar, on August 5th 1954, as a result of the failure of the Government to intervene in the notice put up by the management of the Mills for the wholesale retrenchment of half of the workers working in the Mills.'

I would like to know from the hon. Member how it is a matter of urgent public importance."

* SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, the management of the mill put up a notice that they would be retrenching half of the workers within a period of one month. As soon as this notice was put up, the Union sent telegraphic information to the Government as well as the Labour authorities about this fact. The Labour Officer at Kozhikode never took any action to refer this case for conciliation. So, the management have all on a sudden dismissed the workers. 12-20 p.m.
Sir, this is in violation of the Factories Act. So I want to state that dismissals of workers by the factory-owners has become the order of the day in Malabar. Therefore, I think this is a very important matter. It is owing to the failure of the Government and the failure of the Labour Department that the management have dismissed these six workers. That is why I have brought this adjournment motion before the House and thus this is a fit matter to be discussed in this Assembly."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I want to know what the Hon. Minister has got to say. I have not given him notice as the motion was given to me just when I was starting for the Chamber. Let me hear the Hon. Minister."

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I do not think it is worthwhile to discuss this matter in this House to-day. I do not have any information with me, and so I may not be able to make any statement on the matter to be discussed. I would suggest to the hon. Member this. If he could kindly meet me in my Chamber at 5-15 p.m. to-day, I shall also invite the Commissioner of Labour and we can discuss the matter. There is no use condemning the Government or the Officers that they have failed to do this or that."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, I accept the suggestion of the Hon. Minister and in view of that I withdraw the adjournment motion."

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER *RE*

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message from the Chairman, Madras Legislative Council, dated the 12th August 1954 :—

" In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Installation of Oil Engines (Temporary Permission) Bill, 1954 (L.C. Bill No. 9 of 1954, as passed by the Council on the 12th August 1954) and signed by me for the concurrence of the Assembly."

(2) ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF INDUSTRIES.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that the following candidates were nominated for election to the Board of Industries :—

(1) Sri V. R. Nagarajan.

(2) Sri A. Ratnam.

" Of the above two candidates, Sri A. Ratnam has since withdrawn his candidature. As the remaining number of candidates validly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled in, namely, *one*, I hereby declare Sri V. R. Nagarajan to have been duly elected to the Board of Industries."

IV.—INFORMATION *RE* INCIDENTS IN TRAVANCORE-COCHIN STATE *RE* MERGER OF TAMIL AREAS WITH MADRAS.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, திருவாங்கூர் தமிழகத்திலிருக்கக்கூடிய நிலைமையைப்பற்றி சில விவரங்களை சர்க்காரிடமிருந்து அறிவதற்கு நான் எழுந்து நிற்கின்றேன். திருவாங்கூர் தமிழ்ப் பிரதேசத்தில் துப்பாக்கிப் பிரயோகங்கள், கைதுசெய்வது முதலியவைகள் நடந்திருப்பது குறித்து தமிழ்நாடு மக்களிடத்திலே ஆழ்ந்த கவலை ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இந்த சட்டசபை அங்கத்தினர்களிடத்திலேயும் இப்படிப்பட்ட கவலை இருக்கும். அங்கு நடந்த நிகழ்ச்சிகள் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட மட்டில் அது அந்த சர்க்காருடைய சொந்த விஷயம் என்றாலும்கூட, நம்முடைய தேசத்தின் அரசியல் சட்டத்திற்குட்பட்டு, நம்முடைய குடியரசுக்குள் இருக்கக்கூடிய ஒரு ராஜ்யத்திலுள்ள மக்கள் தங்களுடைய தமிழ்த் தாயகத்தோடு சேரவேண்டுமென்று சட்டபூர்வமாக கிளர்ச்சி செய்தால், இந்தமாதிரியான துப்பாக்கிப் பிரயோகம் நடப்பது மிகவும் வருந்தத் தக்கதாக இருக்கிறது."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let us not say anything here of what has taken place in Travancore-Cochin State and what that State has done."

*THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, with reference to the persons involved in the agitation or the arrests or persons being victims in the shooting incident, I have absolutely no information (interruption) and even if persons belonging to this State go to another State and commit offences or do any such thing, we cannot send representations to the other State. But still we will be interested to know whether actually any person belonging to our

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State has got himself involved in this matter. I have no information and if any information is given, I will be glad to receive the information from the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Leader of the Opposition. As far as the present position is concerned, I have no information."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" அந்தக் கிளர்ச்சியின் காரணமாக கைது செய்யப்பட்டிருப்பவர்களில் நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்தைச் சேர்ந்த பிரஜைகள் எத்தனை பேர் என்று சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா? அதுசம்பந்தமாக நம்முடைய ராஜ்ய சர்க்கார் ஏதாகிலும் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறதா? மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு எழுதி, திருவாங்கூரிலிருக்கும் தமிழ்ப் பகுதிகளை சென்னை ராஜ்யத்தோடு இணைக்கவேண்டுமென்ற ஒரு உறுதி மொழியை மத்திய சர்க்கார் கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று அவர்களுக்கு யோசனை சொல்வார்களா என்று அறியவிரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, with regard to the attitude of this Government on those territories in Travancore-Cochin State, I have already mentioned that. I do not think any further representation is necessary to the Government of India."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" இந்த அவசர நிலைமையைப்பற்றி நம்முடைய ராஜ்ய சர்க்கார் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியப்படுத்தி, மத்திய சர்க்கார் இதுசம்பந்தமாக அறிக்கைவிடும்படி அவர்களுக்கு யோசனை சொல்ல வேண்டுமென்று சர்க்கார்க் கட்சித்தலைவரைக் கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன். அதைப்பற்றி சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கவேண்டும்."

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER *RE—ccnt.*

(3) NIGHT SITTING.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I wish to know from the Leader of the House what he has to say on the proposal to have a night sitting today."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, two amendments have been passed to the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill in the Council and the consideration of the Bill will be finished by this afternoon. It will be necessary for the Bill to go to this House for considering and passing the amendments passed in the Council. Further, the Bill should be passed during this sitting, since we will be meeting again only in November or December next. It was specifically for getting that legislation passed that this session was called. I would, therefore, suggest to hon. Members to agree to have a night sitting to night and get through that work, namely, considering the amendments passed by the Council. Hon. Members of the Opposition have kindly agreed to that. The Hon. Speaker may fix the time with reference to his own convenience."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Shall we have it at 10 o'clock? "

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, the work on hand may last for about one hour and therefore we can sit at 10 o'clock and finish the work. We will be also having an afternoon sitting

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It may not be necessary to have an afternoon sitting today . . . "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" It all depends on the House itself. But Government should know that today is Friday and we will be rising up at 1 o'clock. So far as the night sitting is concerned, we will sit from 10 o'clock."

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND (REDUCTION OF RENT) AMENDMENT BILL, 1954—*cont.*

* The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, this is the second reading of the Bill. I move—

' *That Clause 2 of the Bill may be taken up.*' "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

' That Clause 2 stands part of the Bill.' "

* Sri P. S. KRISHNASWAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, I move—

' (1) *In line* 8, after *the words* " *the State Government shall* ", insert *the words* " *in respect of the fasli year in question* ".

' (2) *In lines* 8 *and* 9, *for the words* " *at the end of* ", substitute *the words* " *not later than the first quarter of the fasli year next succeeding the one in question.*"

' (3) *In clause* 2, *line* 9, omit *the words* " *of the fasli year in question* ". '

" I have moved three amendments. Now the existing section 5, sub-section (1) deals with the method of making good the loss that might be sustained by religious institutions or charitable institutions or an educational institution . . . "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" What the hon. Member is saying is not audible."

Sri P. S. KRISHNASWAMY AYYANGAR :—" My throat is bad, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member might press the button and after getting the connection, he may speak. If he speaks through the mike, it will be audible."

* Sri P. S. KRISHNASWAMY AYYANGAR :—" However, my throat is also bad and, therefore, I am not able to shout as I was doing before.

" Now, to make good any loss that might be sustained by an educational or charitable or religious institution on account of the provisions in the Rent Reduction Act, a certain method is specified in the existing sub-section. That method is to find out the difference between the net income of a particular fasli derived by the

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institution and the average net income already found out and the difference will be paid to the institution to make good the loss that it might sustain. Now with regard to the amounts to be taken into consideration, the Government proposes a change, namely, that the two amounts to be taken into consideration are the net income derived during the fasli year by the institution and the net income that it would have derived but for the provisions of the Act. With regard to this I have no quarrel.

"I have no quarrel about it. Then they fix a particular point of time within which the amount should be paid. I want an amendment to be made here as otherwise the very purpose of the Bill will be defeated by this provision. We should not frame a law with the certainty that we can do nothing but violating it. It is stated that the amount shall be paid to the institution at the end of the fasli year in question. At the end of the fasli year, we cannot ascertain the amounts that are mentioned in this clause. The income to be derived by the institution for the fasli year can be ascertained only some time after the expiry of the fasli year and the amounts it could have derived but for the provisions of the Act could be ascertained only after the figures are worked out long after the expiry of the fasli year in question. For the direction contained in this provision to be complied with, I say that the amount should be paid not later than three months after the close of the fasli year in question. If my amendment is not accepted and if the present provision is allowed to stand, it would only indicate that the provision is never to be complied with." 12-30 p.m.

The amendments were duly seconded.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, confining myself to the amendment alone, let me point out that the Government do not want to fetter themselves in this matter. The amount is to be paid within a particular time and the present provision is all right. It has to be paid at the end of the financial year."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Does Mr. Krishnaswamy Ayyangar withdraw his amendment? "

SRI P. S. KRISHNASWAMY AYYANGAR :—" What else can I do than to withdraw it? " (Laughter.)

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

Clause 2 was put and carried.

Clause 3 was put and carried.

Clause 1 and the Preamble were each separately put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, I move—

'*That the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill be passed into law.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill be passed into law.' "

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

VI.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

MOTION UNDER RULE 22 (3) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

' *That under Rule 22 (3) of the Assembly Rules the order of business be changed and that the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be taken up now.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I hope there is no objection. The question is—

' That under Rule 22 (3) of the Assembly Rules the order of business be changed and that the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be taken up now.' "

The motion was put and carried.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

(2) THE SOCIETIES REGISTRATION (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I beg to introduce the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill [a] 1954, and move—

' *That the Bill be taken into consideration at once.*'

This is a very simple amendment proposed to the present law on the subject. Under the existing arrangement, the Inspector-General of Registration is also the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and he is in charge of the Societies Registration Act. Now, Sir, the registration of joint stock companies has become the responsibility of the Government of India and there is a separate officer for the job. The Societies Registration Act is administered by this State and, therefore, it is proposed that the Inspector-General of Registration may take over this work. The amending Bill seeks to give effect to this decision."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be taken into consideration at once.' "

The motion was put and carried.

Clause 2.

MR. SPEAKER :—" There is an amendment to this clause given notice of by Mr. A. Ratnam. I think it is out of order."

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Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" How is it out of order? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" He wants that the rate of fees should be changed. It is out of order. Anyway, he may move his amendment and speak formally on it."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" Sir, I move—

'After *item* (iii), insert *the following as item* (iv) *and* renumber *the existing item* (iv) *as item* (v) :—

" (iv) *in Section* 3, after *the words ' a fee of fifty rupees ' the words ' or a fee of five rupees in the case of Societies formed by the members of Schedule Castes ' be inserted.*" '

"கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இப்பொழுது நான் கொண்டுவந்திருக்கும் திருத்தமானது பதிவு செய்வதற்கான கட்டணம் ரூ. 50 என்றிருப்பதை தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட மக்கள் நிருவும் சங்கத்திற்கு பதிவு கட்டணம் ரூ. 5-ஆகச் செய்யவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டிருக்கிறேன். இந்த சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் நான் சொல்ல விரும்புவது என்னவென்றுல் தாழ்த்தப்பட்டவர்களின குறைகளை வெகுவாகச் சொல்வதற்கு முடியாதவாறு சில நிமிஷங்கள்தான் எனக்கு அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கொண்டுவந்திருக்கும் திருத்தம் Scheme of the Bill-ல் வராததிஞல் நான் இதை ஏற்றுக்கொள்ள முடியாது. மேலும் இந்தச் சட்டசபையில் எந்த இடத்தில் எதைச்செய்ய வேண்டுமென்று இருக்கிறது. ஆதலால் எதையும் ஒரு ஒழுங்கு முறையோடு செய்யவேண்டும்.

" I rule it out of order."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I move—

' Insert *the following as item* (iv) *and* renumber *item* (iv) *as item* (v) :—

" (iv) *in Section* 3, *for the word ' fifty ' wherever it occurs, the word ' twenty-five ' shall be substituted.*" ' "

Sri M. Kalyanasundram seconded the amendment.

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, I move—

' *In item* (ii), add *at the end of the proposed Explanation the words " or any of the district authorities, subordinate to the Inspector-General of Registration not below the rank of the District Registrar to whom powers shall be delegated in respect of this Act* ".' "

Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar seconded the amendment.

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தத் திருத்தத்தின் நோக்கம் என்னவென்றுல் இப்பொழுது இன்ஸ்பெக்டர் ஜெனரல் ஆப் ரிஜிஸ்டிரேஷன் பதிவு செய்யலாம் என்று இருக்கிறது. அவருடைய தலைமைக் காரியாலயம் சென்னையில் இருக்கிறது. அவரிடம் மலபார், திருநெல்வேலி, கோயமுத்தூர் முதலிய தூர ஜில்லாக்களிலிருந்து இங்கு வந்து பதிவு செய்யவேண்டியதாக இருக்கிறது. அப்படிப்பட்ட நிர்பந்தம் இதில் இருக்கிறது. அதஞல் ஜில்லாக்களிலுள்ள அதிகாரிகளுக்கும் இதே அதிகாரத்தைக் கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று இந்தத் திருத்தத்தை பிரேரேபிக்கிறேன்."

12-40 p.m. MR. SPEAKER :—" Even if the Hon. Minister is prepared to reply, I cannot allow it because the amendment in question is clearly out of order."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is beyond the scope of the Bill, Sir."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் இதை ஒத்துக்கொள்ள தயாராக இருக்கிறார். ஆகவே இந்தத் திருத்தத்தை ஒத்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no objection to accept the amendment moved by Sri K. P. Gopalan provided the word 'shall' occurring in the fourth line is changed into 'may'."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Then I will put the amendment moved by Mr. K. P. Gopalan changing the word 'shall' into 'may' The question is—

'In item (ii), *add* at the end of the proposed Explanation the words " or any of the district authorities subordinate to the Inspector-General of Registration not below the rank of the District Registrar to whom powers may be delegated in respect of this Act ".' "

The amendment was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The amendment given notice of by Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar is out of order. I will now put Clause 2 as amended to the vote of the House."

Clause 2, as amended, was put and carried.

Clause 3 was put and carried.

Clause 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

'*That the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be passed into law.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

'That the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be passed into law.' "

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, நான் அதிக நேரம் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்போவதில்லை. ஏற்கெனவே குறிப்பிட்ட மாதிரி 2-வது ஸெக்ஷன்படி பல அங்கத்தினர்கள் ஐம்பது ரூபாய் என்று இருக்கக்கூடிய ரிஜிஸ்ட்ரேஷன் கட்டணம் அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது அதைக் குறைக்கவேண்டும் என்று அபிப்பிராயப்படுகிறார்கள். அதுசம்பந்தமாக சர்க்கார் ஆலோசனை செய்து அந்தக் கட்டணத்தைக் குறைக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொண்டு இந்த சட்டத்தை நிறைவேற்றுவதற்கு, எங்களுக்கு ஆட்சேபனை இல்லை என்பதை தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" **Yes, Sir, I shall examine that proposal.**"

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be passed into law.' "

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(3) THE MADRAS COMMERCIAL CROPS MARKETS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I beg to introduce the Madras Commercial Crops Market (Amendment) Bill[a] 1954, and move—

' *That the Bill be taken into consideration at once.*'

" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to give very briefly the amount of work done by the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act, 1933. I would also add that this amendment does not seek to introduce any big changes in the existing law. It seeks only to rectify certain defects that has been pointed by the Court of Madras and the District Court of South Kanara.

" The Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act, 1933, has now been on the statute book for over two decades. This Act was passed as a result of the recommendation made in the Report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture in 1928.

" The main object of this marketing legislation is to create conditions of better marketing for the cultivator with a view to getting him a better and fair price for his produce. The average ryot is ignorant of the several malpractices obtaining in trade and as a consequence, he is duped of his legitimate profits which usually go to the middleman. For example, weights and measures are manipulated, prices are raised or lowered at the will of brokers or trade agents, who being well trained in their professions, are more efficient and skilful. Illegal exactions are also made in the name of charity or trade allowances. These evils deprive the producers of a fair price for their produce.

" The Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act is being administered under the direct supervision of the marketing section of the Agriculture department, subject to the overall control of the State Government. Rules have been framed under the Act and Market Committees constituted under the Act are also empowered to frame by-laws with a view to regulating its day-to-day activities.

" Under the Act, seven districts of this State have been notified for regulation of better marketing in specified commercial crops. These districts are—

(i) South Arcot district (in respect of groundnut, cotton and gingelly);

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(ii) Coimbatore (in respect of cotton, groundnut and tobacco);

(iii) & (iv) Malabar and South Kanara (in respect of coconuts and arecanuts and their by-products);

(v) Ramanathapuram (in respect of groundnut and cotton);

(vi) Tirunelveli (in respect of cotton); and

(vii) North Arcot (in respect of groundnut).

"About two years ago, certain merchants, mainly from the Ramanathapuram and Tirunelveli districts, filed writ-petitions in the Madras High Court, generally contending that the Act was *ultra vires* of the Constitution and that in any case, it put unnecessary restrictions on trade by asking it to take out licences under the Act and to pay fees on commercial crops bought and sold in the notified area. The High Court generally pronounced the Act as a valid piece of marketing legislation under the Constitution; but at the same time, it held Section 5 (4) (*a*) of the Act and part of rule 37 of the rules issued thereunder as void. Under Section 5 (4) (*a*), the Collector has got absolute discretion to grant or refuse to grant a licence to any trader. Rule 37 prohibits persons who have not registered themselves as buyers and sellers from carrying on business in the notified area. It was considered by the High Court that the discretionary powers conferred on the Collector in the matter of issue of licences were in excess. At the same time, the Court held that this decision did not entail the entire licensing regulation becoming void because its only result was that all applicants were entitled to obtain licences provided they paid the prescribed fee and complied with the other conditions. The system of licensing itself has been considered as inevitable, once regulation of business is contemplated.

"The High Court held that rule 37 of the rules issued under the Act was not in conformity with the intention of the Act as it has obviously been provided in consequence of Section 18 (2) (v-*a*) which provides for the registration of buyers, sellers, etc., and prohibits buying and selling of commercial crops in the notified area by persons not so registered. It was held by the High Court that apart from licensing, under section 5 of the Act, the maintenance of electoral rolls was only contemplated which meant that registration which was merely voluntary for purposes of election should not be taken to mean that the Act sanctions compulsory registration for trading purposes also; it was stated that this restriction is an infringement on the inherent right of a person to do his lawful avocation and as such should be construed as void. The Government are advised that though the High Court did not specifically pronounce Section 18 (2) (v-*a*) to be void, the last portion of this section which permits the rule being made prohibiting persons from carrying on business in a notified area should be construed to be void.

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" Another question that has arisen is in regard to rule 3 of the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Rules, 1948. The rule prescribed certain modes of publication of a notification under Sections 3 or 4 of the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act, with a view to making it known to all persons affected thereby. It is sometimes not possible to adhere strictly to the letter of this rule and publish a notification according to the various modes prescribed, on account of which any notification not so published becomes invalid. Sometime back, in respect of certain prosecutions launched by the South Kanara Market Committee, it was held by the District Court, Mangalore, that the Committee was not validly constituted on the ground that it was not able to prove to the satisfaction of the Court that the notifications in respect of the constitution of the Committee had been published in the various modes prescribed in rule 3 of the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Rules. With a view to validate the constitution of the South Kanara Market Committee as also to provide for cases in which notifications under Section 4 have already been published, it is proposed to give retrospective effect to the amendment to Section 4 of the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act.

" It will be thus seen that the amending Bill before the House seeks to bring the provisions of the Act aforesaid in consonance with the Constitution and the judgments of the Madras High Court and the South Kanara District Court. The amending Bill will also be conducive to the smooth working of the Act.

" With these words, I commend this Bill for the acceptance of the House."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

'That the Madras Commercial Crops Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1954, be taken into consideration.'

" Let Mr. Ratnam move his amendment and then let Mr. Kalyanasundram move his amendment."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Sir, I move—

'That the Madras Commercial Crops Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1954, be referred to a Select Committee."

The amendment was duly seconded.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, I move—

'That the Madras Commercial Crops Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1954, be referred to a Select Committee for the purpose of making suitable amendments so as to bring the Act in conformity with the spirit of the present Constitution."

The amendment was duly seconded.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main motion as well as the amendments are now before the House for discussion."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—"கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தத் திருத்த மசோதாவை செலக்ட் கமிட்டிக்கு விடவேண்டும் என்று நான் திருத்தம்கொடுப்பதன் நோக்கம் இந்தத் திருத்த மசோதாவை எதிர்க்கவேண்டும் என்ற காரணத்தால் அல்ல அல்லது இதை நிறைவேற்றுவதை ஒத்திப்போடவேண்டும் என்ற காரணத்தால் அல்ல. 12-50 p.m. 1933-ம் வருஷ சட்டம் இருக்கிறதே அதனுடைய அடிப்படையான தத்துவத்தை அறியவேண்டிய அவசியம் இப்பொழுது ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று நான் கருதுகிறேன். இந்தத் திருத்த மசோதாவினால் 1933-ம் வருஷத்திய சட்டத்தில் எந்த விதமான அடிப்படையான மாறுதலும் செய்யவில்லை. அந்த சட்டத்திலுள்ள சில குறைபாடுகளை நீக்குவதற்குத்தான் இந்த மசோதாவைக்கொண்டு வந்திருப்பதன் நோக்கம் என்று நினைக்கிறேன். இந்த திருத்த மசோதாவை நிறைவேற்றுவதனால் எந்த விதமான ஹானியும் அதற்கு வரப்போவதில்லை. ஆனால் 1933-ம் வருஷத்திய சட்டத்தில் அடிப்படையான சில மாறுதல்கள் செய்யவேண்டியது அவசியமாக இருக்கிறது. அதனுடைய கொள்கைகளையும் மாற்றவேண்டியது அவசியமாக இருக்கிறது. அந்த அவசியம் இப்பொழுது ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பதை அறியவேண்டியதாக இருக்கிறது. அந்நிய கம்பெனிகள் அதாவது இப்பொழுது ராலி ப்ரதர்ஸ், வால்க்கார்ட் பிரதர்ஸ் முதலிய சில அந்நிய கம்பெனிகள் இருக்கின்றன. அவைகள் விவசாயப் பொருள்களுக்கு தங்கள் இஷ்டப்படி விலை வைத்துக் கொள்வதற்கு வசதி அந்தக் காலத்திலிருந்து இன்றும் அப்படியே நடந்து கொண்டுவருகிறது. சுதந்தரம் நம் நாட்டிற்கு வந்த பிறகும் அது மாறவில்லை. அதனால் நம் நாட்டு வியாபாரிகள் சுதந்தரமாக நம் நாட்டில் வியாபாரம் செய்வதற்கு முடியாமல் இருக்கிறது. நம் நாட்டிலிருக்கும் வியாபாரிகளுக்கு சௌகர்யமாக இருக்கச் சட்டத்தை மாற்றியமைக்க வேண்டும். இதை சர்க்கார் ஆலோசனை செய்யவேண்டும். சர்க்கார் இப்பொழுது அதைச் செய்யாவிட்டாலும் இந்த சட்டத்தை புனராலோசனை செய்து அந்த சட்டத்தின் அடிப்படையில் மாறுதல்செய்யவேண்டும் என்றும் அதற்கு வேண்டிய சட்டம் கொண்டுவரவேண்டும் என்றும் அதற்கு வேண்டிய யோசனைகளைச்செய்யவேண்டும் என்பதற்காகத்தான் இந்தத் திருத்தத்தைக்கொண்டு வந்திருக்கிறேன்.

"வேர்க்கடலையின் விலையானது திடீரென்று வீழ்ந்திருக்கிற விஷயம் நம்முடைய விவசாய மந்திரி அவர்களுக்குத்தெரியும் என்று நினைக்கிறேன். இதனால் நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்திலுள்ள பெரும்பாலான விவசாயிகள் பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். வேர்க்கடலையானது அவசியம் இல்லாமலோ தேவை இல்லாமலோ இருக்கக்கூடிய காலத்தைப்பார்த்து, அந்த சந்தர்ப்பத்தைப் பயன்படுத்திக்கொண்டு, அன்னிய வியாபாரிகள் விலையைக் குறைத்து வாங்குகிறார்கள். விலையைக் குறைத்து வாங்கலாம் என்பதற்காக அது நன்றாக விளைந்திருக்கக்கூடிய காலத்தில் வாங்குவதற்குச் செல்வதில்லை. அவர்களுக்கு ஏகபோக லைசன்சு இருக்கக்கூடிய காரணத்தால் இந்த நிலைமை நீடிக்கிறது. இப்படிப்பட்ட நிலைமை ஏற்படாமல் தடுப்பதற்கு இந்த சட்டத்தை மாற்றவேண்டும் என்பதற்காகத்தான் இந்தத் திருத்தத்தைப் பிரேரேபித்திருக்கிறேன். அதைப்பற்றி மந்திரி அவர்கள் ஆலோசனை செய்யவேண்டுமென்றும் கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன்."

* **Sri A. RATNAM** :—"கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தத் திருத்தத்தைக் கொண்டுவந்ததன் நோக்கத்தை சிறிது விளக்க விரும்புகிறேன். இந்தச் சபையில் நிறைவேற்றப்படும் சட்டங்களெல்லாம் மக்களுக்கு நன்மை பயக்கவேண்டும் என்பதற்காகச் செய்கின்றோம். அதற்காகத்தான் பல திருத்தங்களைக்கொண்டுவரவேண்டியிருக்கிறது. இன்று இரவுடன் இந்தக் கூட்டமானது முடிவடையப்போவதால், இந்த மசோதாவிற்குக் கொடுத்திருக்கும் திருத்தங்களை சரியாக அலசிப்பார்த்து நிறைவேற்றுவதற்கு சந்தர்ப்பமும் நேரமும் இருக்காது என்று நான் கருதுகிறேன். ஆகவே, இதை செலக்ட் கமிட்டியின் பரிசீலனைக்கு விடவேண்டுமென்ற திருத்தத்தைக் கொடுத்திருக்கிறேன். மற்றும் பல மசோதாக்கள் நிறைவேற வேண்டியிருப்பதால் இந்த மசோவை ஒத்திவைக்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்."

13th August 1954]

* SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" Sir, I find from the speech of the Hon. Minister that coconut is one of the products which he desires to include as a crop coming within the purview of the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act. (Sri M. Kalyanasundram : 'It is already included.') If it has already been included, it will lead to difficulties. In Malabar particularly, there are very small growers of coconuts. Some coconut-growers have got small parambas and they have got only a few coconuts to sell. If this Act and the rules framed under it are applied to them, they will be very considerably affected. There will be sales tax on the sale of coconuts and the growers will have to sell only to those who have been licensed for the purpose of buying coconuts. The licensees may impose their own fees and restrictions and the growers will be at their mercy. I understand that during the term of the previous Assembly, there was a proposal to declare coconut as a crop coming within the purview of the Commercial Crops Markets Act and that it was dropped because there was a lot of opposition to it. I submit that the circumstances have not changed since then. I request the Hon. Minister to consider the great difficulties to which the small growers of coconut will be put to if coconut is declared as a commercial crop, and see that coconut is kept out of the purview of the Commercial Crops Markets Act."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I rise not to oppose the Bill but to invite the attention of the Hon. Minister to certain representations made to the Government for bringing some more crops wihin the purview of the Commercial Crops Markets Act. The Tobacco Growers Association in South Kanara has requested the inclusion of the Kasargad taluk within the purview of the Act for the purpose of tobacco marketing. I understand that the area is not permanently include, but that it is declared as a notified area under the Act now and then.

" Pepper also does not come under the purview of the Commercial Crops Markets Act. Wholesale dealers or monopoly dealers in pepper are exploiting too much the poor persons who grow pepper. Pepper-growers are at the mercy of the wholesale dealers. Pepper, which was selling at about Rs. 3,000 per candy last year, is now selling at about Rs. 1,000 and the peasantry has been pauperised too much. So I request the Hon. Minister to declare pepper also as a crop coming within the purview of the Act.

" I oppose the suggestion made by Sri N. Gopala Menon. Perhaps he thought that he was advancing the interests of coconut-growers by making the suggestion. But he is not advancing the interests of the coconut growers. It is only the wholesale dealers who oppose the inclusion of coconut among the commercial crops. That is my experience. I wonder why the hon. Member Sri N. Gopala Menon is advocating the cause of the wholesale dealers."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, 12-55 p.m.
சர்க்கார் கொண்டுவந்திருக்கும் இந்த மசோதாவையும், இந்தப்

பிரேரணையையும் நான் ஆதரிக்கிறேன். அப்படி ஆதரிக்கும்போது, இந்த சட்டத்தைக்குறித்து சில விஷயங்களையும் இந்தச் சபை முன்பு தெரிவித்துக் கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்.

"வியாபார விளைபொருள்களின் விற்பனையைக் குறித்த சட்டத்தைப்பற்றி நம்முடைய எதிர்க்கட்சி உப தலைவர் சொல்லும்போது, 'இந்த மார்க்கெட் கமிட்டி வெளிநாட்டு மூலதனம் போட்டிருக்கும் அன்னிய கம்பெனி களுக்கு சாதகமான முறையிலே நடந்துவருகிறது' என்று சொன்னார்கள். அது எப்படி என்று எனக்குப் புரியவில்லை. ஏனென்றால், இந்தச் சட்டம் ஏற்பட்டதிலிருந்து தென்னாற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் மார்க்கெட் கமிட்டி ஏற்படுத்தப் பட்டு, முக்கியமாக வேர்க்கடலையானது அங்கே வியாபாரம் செய்யப்பட்டு வருகிறதை நான் பார்த்துவருகிறேன். இந்த மார்க்கெட் கமிட்டிகள் ஏற்பட்டதிலிருந்து இத்தகைய விளைபொருள்களை, குறிப்பாக வேர்க் கடலையை, விவசாயிகள் நேரடியாக மார்க்கெட்டுக்குக் கொண்டுபோனால் அன்றைய மார்க்கெட் நிலவரப்படி, என்ன விலை கிடைக்குமோ அதே விலைக்கு தாராளமாக, மோசடியில்லாமல், விற்பனை செய்து தங்களுடைய பணத்தை கையில் கொண்டுபோவதற்கு வசதியாக இருக்கிறது. இவ்வளவு காலமாக தென்னாற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் மார்க்கெட்டிங் கமிட்டி திருப்திகரமாக நடந்துவந்தகொண்டிருக்கிறது. இந்தக் கமிட்டி ஏற்படுவதற்கு முன்பு வியாபாரத்தில் பலவித மோசடிகள் நடந்திருக்கின்றன. ஆனால், மார்க் கெட்டிங் கமிட்டி ஏற்பட்டபிறகு வேர்க்கடலைக்கு கிடைக்கக்கூடிய விலையானது மார்க்கெட் நிலவரத்திற்குத் தகுந்தபடி இருக்கிறது. வெளிநாட்டுக்கு ஏற்றுமதி செய்யும்போது கிடைக்கக்கூடிய விலைக்கும், கிராமத்தில் கொள் முதல் செய்யும்போது கிடைக்கக்கூடிய விலைக்கும் அதிகமாக வித்தியாசம் கிடையாது. அந்தக் கமிட்டி ஏற்படுவதற்கு முன்னால் நடுத்தரகர்கள் இருந்துகொண்டு அதிகமான லாபத்தை அடைந்துகொண்டுவந்திருக் கிறார்கள். அந்தமாதிரி நடுத்தரகர்கள் கொள்ளைலாபம் அடித்துக்கொண்டு போகாமல், உற்பத்திசெய்யும் பொருள்களை விவசாயிகள் நேரடியாக சரியான விலைக்கு விற்பனை செய்வதற்கு இந்த மார்க்கெட்டிங் கமிட்டியார் உதவிசெய்யக்கூடிய முறையில் இருந்துவந்திருக்கிறார்கள்.

"ஆனால், எதிர்க்கட்சி உபதலைவர் சொன்ன முறையிலே வெளிநாட்டுக் கம்பெனிகள் தங்களுடைய இஷ்டப்படி விலையை இந்த விளைபொருள்கள் மீது விதிப்பதற்கு அவர்களுக்கு ஒரு சக்தி இருந்திருகலாம். நம்முடைய நாட்டு விளைபொருள்களை வாங்க அவர்களுக்கு ஏகபோக உரிமை உடன் படிக்கையின்படி இருக்கலாம். அதன்காரணமாக அவர்கள் அந்த மாதிரி செய்ய முடிந்திருக்கலாமேயொழிய, இந்த மார்க்கெட் கமிட்டி ஏற்படுத்தினதன்மூலம் இந்த விளைபொருள்களுக்கு உரிய விலை கிடைக்காமல் போய்விட்டது என்று சொல்லமுடியாது.

"மார்க்கெட்டிங் கமிட்டிகள் மிகவும் திருப்திகரமாக வேலை செய்து வந்திருக்கின்றன. மேலும், மக்கள் இந்த சேவையை மற்ற எல்லா விவசாயப் பொருள்களுக்குமே விஸ்தரிக்க முடியுமா என்று எதிர்ப்பார்த்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். தென்னாற்காடு ஜில்லாவிலுள்ள என்னுடைய தொகுதியிலே இந்த சட்டத்தை வெல்லத்திற்கும் விஸ்தரிக்கவேண்டுமென்று நான் சர்க்காரைக் கேட்டுக்கொண்டிருக்கிறேன். இதற்காக சமீபத்தில் ஒரு அதிகாரி அங்கு வந்து விசாரணை நடத்தியபோது அதன் அவசியம் தெளிவாகத் தெரிந்தது. 190 ராத்தல் கொண்ட ஒரு மூட்டையில் 20 ராத்தல் நடுத்தரகர்கள் திருடியிருக்கிறார்கள், என்பதை சில வியாபாரிகளே ஒத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். இம்மாதிரி மோசடியான காரியங்கள் நடைபெறாமலிருப்பதற்கு விவசாயிகள் தங்களுடைய பொருள்களை நடுத்தரகர்களுடைய இடையூறில்லாமல் மார்க் கெட்டிங் கமிட்டியின் மூலமாக விற்பனை செய்தால் ஒழுங்காக இருக்கும் என்பதை நான் அனுபவததிலே கண்டிருக்கிறேன்.

"சமீபத்தில் வடாற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் ஒரு மார்க்கெட்டிங் கமிட்டி ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்டது. இன்னும் சில இடங்களில் மார்க்கெட்டங் யார்டுகளை அந்த ஜில்லாவில ஏற்படுத்தியிருக்கிறார்கள். மேலும் அனேக யார்டுகளை

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ஏற்படுத்துவார்கள் என்று பொதுமக்களும் விவசாயிகளும் ஆவலாக இருக்கிறார்கள். எந்தக் காரணத்தினாலோ அந்த வேலை இப்பொழுது தடைபட்டிருக்கிறது.

"இம்மாதிரி இந்த சட்டத்தின்கீழ் ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்ட மார்க்கெட் கமிட்டிகளினால் விவசாயிகள் நல்ல பலனை எய்தியிருப்பதினாலும், சில சில்லரை வியாபாரிகள், நடுத்தரகர்களிடமிருந்து தப்பித்துக்கொள்வதற்கு வழி இருப்பதாலும், இந்த ஒரு சேவையை எல்லா விவசாய விளை பொருள்களுக்கும் விஸ்தரிக்க வேண்டும். மார்க்கெட்டிங் கமிட்டிகளை எல்லா இடங்களிலும் ஏற்படுத்தி இந்த வசதியைச் செய்து கொடுக்கக்கூடிய முறையில் இந்த சட்டத்தை உடனடியாக திருத்துவதற்கு சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்கள் என்ற நம்பிக்கையோடு சர்க்காருடைய பிரேரேபணையை நான் ஆதரிக்கின்றேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—"I wish to make a suggestion. I know that several Members want to speak. Besides the Bill under discussion, there is a Bill to be moved by the Hon. Minister for Health, a motion for considering the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill to be moved by the Hon. Minister for Religious Endowments and a motion relating to the amendment of a rule in Schedule IV of the City Municipal Act to be moved by the Hon. Minister for Local Administration. I suggest that instead of meeting again at 3 p.m. to-day, we may meet at 10 p.m.

"I adjourn the House to meet again at 10 p.m. to-day"

The House then adjourned.

[NIGHT SITTING—10 P.M.]

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER :—"I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated the 13th August 1954, from the Hon. the Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

'In accordance with rule 1[illegible]2 of the Madras Counsil Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1954) as passed by the Council on the 13th August 1954 with the amendments set out in the annexure and signed by me for the concurrence of the Assembly.

ANNEXURE.

Add the following as new sub-clause (4) to clause 3 :—

"(4) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorise any person, who is not a Hindu to enter the premises or place referred to in sub-section (1) or any part thereof."

Clause 10.

In sub-clause (*f*) of Section 52, *before* the word "waste", *add* the words "persistent and wilful".

"Now, let us take up the Madras Commercial Crops Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1954."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will put the Government amendment to the vote of the House. The question is that—

'In the amending proviso, *omit* the word " further " in line 1 and *for* the words " is free to take the matter on ", *substitute* the words " shall be entitled to " in line 2. ' "

The motion was put and carried.

Clause 3, as amended, was put and carried.

Clause 4.

MR. SPEAKER :—" There are no amendments to Clause 4."

Clause 4 was put and carried.

Clause 1 and Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

'*That the Madras Commercial Crops Markets (Amendment) Bill*, 1954, *as amended, be passed into law.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Madras Commercial Crops Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1954, as amended, be passed into law.' "

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(4) THE MADRAS INSTALLATION OF OIL ENGINES (TEMPORARY PERMISSION) BILL, 1954.

* THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move—

'*That the Madras Installation of Oil Engines (Temporary Permission) Bill*[a], 1954, *as passed by the Council, be taken into consideration at once.*'

The Statement of Objects and Reasons explains the need for this Bill. The Bill makes statutory provision for the installation in any premises, whether in a residential area or not, of machinery or other manufacturing plant driven by steam or other power. It also validates the temporary permissions already granted in pursuance of the orders issued by the Government."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

'That the Madras Installation of Oil Engines (Temporary Permission) Bill, 1954, as passed by the Council, be taken into consideration at once.' "

[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 740 infra.

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* SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the Bill which is before the House for consideration is the most welcome one, for I have had some experience of practical difficulties in the matter. It is a pitiable experience that due to shortage of electric power, small people who wanted to install flour mills or condiment mills have been put to the necessity of going about hunting after offices for getting electric energy sanctioned for their mills. It was a painful experience to go to the door of the Health Minister asking him to interfere with the orders passed by municipal councils and panchayat boards which prohibited the installation of oil engines in residential areas like Villivakkam. Sir, ordinary men who invest their entire fortune to make a little profit for eking out a living, have spent large sums in purchasing machinery and then they are very much disappointed when they are refused supply of electric energy for their units. If it is installed in a residential 10-20 p.m. area, there will always be complaints from the people belonging to the upper strata of society who live in favoured circumstances about the nuisance that might be created by the installation of oil engine. As a result of these objections, I have known an instance where an applicant who staked his all in the purchase of machinery in Villivakkam could not install the machinery. Now this Bill has come in an opportune moment and will help many such people. I would suggest that instead of giving temporary sanction for a period of one year, the Government should consider the desirability of extending it for a period of three years. With these remarks, I commend this Bill to the unanimous acceptance of the House."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM:—"கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த மசோதாவின் நோக்கத்திற்கு நான் எதிராக இல்லை. இந்த மசோதாவின் நோக்கங்களை வரவேற்ற போதிலும்கூட அதில் சில விஷயங்களை சர்க்காரின் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவரவேண்டியதாக இருக்கிறபடியால் நான் பேச எழுந்துள்ளேன். சிறு சிறு நகரங்களையும் முனிசிபாலிட்டிகளையும் ரெசிடென்ஷியல் ஏரியா, இண்டஸ்டிரியல் ஏரியா அல்லது நான்-ரெசிடென்ஷியல் ஏரியா என்று பாகுபாடுசெய்வதில் பல அநீதிகள் ஏற்படுகின்றன. அவைகளை சர்க்காரிடம் எடுத்துக்காட்டியும்கூட அவற்றை திருத்துவதில் சர்க்கார் கவனம் செலுத்தத் தவறி விட்டார்கள் என்பதை எடுத்துக்காட்ட விரும்புகிறேன். உதாரணமாக விருதுநகரில் ரெசிடென்ஷியல் ஏரியா அதாவது ஜனங்கள் வசிக்கக்கூடிய எல்லை என்று பிரகடனம் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கக்கூடிய பிரதேசத்தில் ஒரு மில் வைக்கப் பட்டிருக்கிறது. அந்த மில்லில் அரிசி, மாவு போன்ற காரம் இல்லாத வஸ்துக்களை அரைக்கலாம் என்று லைசென்ஸ் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருந்தாலும் மிளகாய், சீயக்காய் போன்ற காரமான வஸ்துக்கள் அரைக்கப்படுகின்றன என்றும் அந்த பிரதேசத்திலுள்ள மக்களுக்கு அது மிகவும் இடையூராக இருக்கிறது என்றும் அவர்கள் எடுத்துக்காட்டியிருக்கிறார்கள். அதைப்பற்றி முனிசிபாலிட்டியிலும் ஒரு தீர்மானம் கொண்டுவந்து அந்தத் தீர்மானத்தை மெஜாரிட்டி வோட்டுகள் மூலமாக நிறைவேற்றி அந்த மில்லிற்கு லைசென்ஸ் கொடுக்கக்கூடாது என்று ஒரு உத்தரவு போட்டிருந்தார்கள். அதன்படி சர்க்காரும் ஒரு உத்தரவு போட்டிருந்தார்கள். அதாவது கார சாமான்கள் அரைக்கக்கூடாது என்று ஒரு உத்தரவு போட்டிருந்தார்கள். பின்னால் என்ன நடந்தது? அந்த உத்தரவு ரத்து செய்யப்பட்டு அதே இடத்தில் அதே மில் அதனுடைய குதிரை வேகத்தை அதிகப்படுத்தி நடத்தலாம் என்று அனுமதி கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. மற்றும் கார சாமான்களையும் அரைத்துக்கொள்ளலாம் என்று அனுமதி கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இதைப்பற்றி கனம் சுகாதார மந்திரி அவர்களுக்கு கடிதம் எழுதியும்

அதற்கு பதில் அவர் என்ன கொடுத்திருக்கிறார் என்றால் அந்த உத்தரவை மாற்றுவதற்கு அவசியம் இல்லை என்று பதில் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார். பொது மக்கள் அங்கே அதை எதிர்க்கிறார்கள். முனிசிபாலிட்டி அதை எதிர்க்கிறது. அப்படி இருந்தும் போர்ட் செயின்ட் ஜார்ஜ் கோட்டையிலிருக்கும் அந்த டிபார்ட்மெண்ட்டின் செக்ரடரி அதை ஆதரித்து உத்தரவு அனுப்பி இருக்கிறார். இப்படிப்பட்ட ஆட்சேபணைகள் இருக்கும்போது இந்த மாதிரியான உத்தரவு போடவேண்டிய அவசியம் என்ன என்பதை என்னால் புறிந்துகொள்ள முடியவில்லை.

"லைசென்ஸ்கள் வழங்குவதில்கூட அரசியல் காரணங்கள் புகுந்து கொள்ளுகின்றன என்று தெரியவருகிறது. இதைப் பார்க்கவும் ஆச்சர்யமாக இருக்கிறது. இதன் மூலமாக மற்ற கட்சிகளை அடக்கி மாற்றிவிடமுடியாது. உதாரணமாக மற்றொரு விஷயம் என்னவென்றால் 'ஜனசக்தி' என்ற கம்யூனிஸ்ட் பத்திரிகை ஒன்று இருக்கிறது. அந்த ப்ரஸ் இருக்கும் பிரதேசத்தில் மற்றும் எவ்வளவோ அச்சகங்கள் இருக்கின்றன. இந்த 'ஜனசக்தி' என்ற அச்சகத்துக்கு மின்சாரம் வேண்டும் என்று பல தடவைகள் கேட்கப்பட்டது. அந்தப் பிரதேசம் ரெசிடென்ஷியல் ஏரியா; ஆகையால் லைசென்ஸ் கொடுக்கமுடியாது என்று திரும்பத் திரும்ப பதில் வந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது. என்னுடைய தோழர் ஸ்ரீ பி. ராமமூர்த்தி இதைப்பற்றி சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரிவித்தும்கூட அந்த அச்சகத்துக்குச் சாதகமாக ஒரு விதமான பதிலும் கிடைக்கவில்லை. ஆகவே லைசென்ஸ் கொடுக்கும் விஷயத்தில் கட்சி மனப்பான்மை இருக்கக்கூடாது என்பதையும் இதனால் ஒரு கட்சியை அடக்கிவிட முடியாது என்பதையும் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்.

"விருதுநகர் சம்பந்தமாகப் பேசும்போது நம்முடைய முதன் மந்திரி அவர்கள் வரக்கூடிய பிரதேசம் அது. அது அவருடைய சொந்த ஊர். அங்கு இருக்கக்கூடிய காங்கிரஸ்காரர்கள் முறையிட்டதன் காரணமாக இந்த மாதிரி உத்தரவு மாறிவிட்டதோ என்று நினைக்கவேண்டிய நிலைமை ஏற்படுகிறது. நிர்வாகத்தில் அரசியல் விவகாரங்களைக்கொண்டுவந்து அதில் ஈடுபடுத்துவதும் அதிகாரத்தை அதில் ஈடுபடுத்துவதும் அநீதியானது, ஜனநாயகத்திற்கும் விரோதமானது. பலமுறைகளில் இதை எடுத்துக் காட்டியும் இன்னும் அது மாறவில்லை. ஒரு பெர்மிஷன் கொடுக்கும் விஷயத்தில்கூட நிர்வாகம் தலையிடுவது என்பது அநீதி இழைப்பதாகும் என்பதை கனம் சுகாதார மந்திரி அவர்களுடைய கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவர விரும்புகிறேன். இதற்கு ஒரு நிவர்த்தி காண ஏற்பாடு செய்யவேண்டும் என்று அவரை நான் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன். அதோடு மின்சார வெட்டு காலத்தில் மின்சாரம் போதாமல் இருந்து மின்சாரத்தை உற்பத்தி செய்வதற்கு, அந்த இடம் ரெசிடென்ஷியல் ஏரியாவாக இருந்தாலும சரி நான்-ரெசிடென்ஷியல் ஏரியாவாக இருந்தாலும் சரி, ஒரு ஆயில் எஞ்சின் வைத்துக்கொள்வதற்கு அனுமதிக்கவேண்டும் என்று இந்தத் திருத்தம் கொண்டுவரப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஆனால் அங்குள்ள மெஷின்களின் குதிரை வேகத்தை அதிகப்படுத்திக்கொள்வதற்கு இந்த திருத்த மசோதாவில் வசதி செய்து கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை. மின்சார சக்தி வெட்டு ஏற்பட்டகாலத்தில் அதை உற்பத்தி செய்வதற்குவேண்டிய குதிரை வேகமுள்ள யந்திரங்களை வைப்பதற்குவேண்டிய வசதியைக் கொடுப்பது நியாயம். அதற்கு ஒரு திருத்தம் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள். அதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளுவார்கள் என்று நினைக்கிறேன்."

* THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, owing to drought conditions, there was drastic cut in electric power supply. There is no provision in any of the Local Bodies' Acts, either the City Municipal Act, or the District Municipalities Act, or the District Boards Act or the Village Panchayats Act to give temporary permission for the installation of oil engines. So just to tide over the power shortage owing to the temporary cut in power supply, there was need to give temporary permission for the installation of

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oil engines and that too more in residential areas because in non-residential areas, many mills and factories are run by oil engines. In 1950 and 1951, the requests for such permissions were negatived but in 1952 permission for installing oil engines in non-residential areas was given. But these were not enough to meet the needs of the situation. So in 1953, this matter was further examined and it was thought that it was not right for the Government to refuse permission for the installation of oil engines when they are not able to supply electric power. The industrial units could not run and the people employed in those mills and factories had to go out of work at a very difficult time. (Interruption.) I expected, Sir, the Communist party Members would perhaps be the first to give their assent to this Bill. I am rather surprised why they should object to the Bill."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" We are not objecting to the Bill."

* THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government permitted local bodies to give temporary permission for the installation of oil engines. This Bill makes statutory provision for the grant of such permission because such temporary permission cannot be given under any of the Local Bodies Acts. This Bill also validates temporary permissions already granted in pursuance of the orders of Government issued already."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the Madras Installation of Oil Engines (Temporary Permission) Bill, 1954, as passed by the Council, be taken into consideration at once.' "

The motion was put and carried.

Clause 2.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

' That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill.' "

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move the amendment standing in my name, namely :—

' Add *at the end of sub-clause* (2) *the following provisos* :—

" *Provided that in the case of residential areas, before granting of any such permission the competent authority should give fifteen days' notice to the people of the area for the purpose of raising any objection and after considering the objection or objections, granting the permit or otherwise will be confirmed;*

Provided further that the temporary permit should not be granted for the purpose of making any addition to the existing machinery or manufacturing plant." ' "

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" I second the amendment, Sir."

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Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, நான் கொடுத்திருக்கும் திருத்தங்களுடைய நோக்கமானது திருத்தங்களிலிருந்தே தெளிவாகிறது. மக்கள் வசிக்கும் பிரதேசத்தில் இயந்திரத்தை அதிகமாக வைக்கக்கூடிய சமயத்தில் அந்தப் பிரதேசத்தில் வசிக்கக்கூடிய மக்கள் தங்களுடைய பிரதேசத்தில் புதிய இயந்திரம் வருவதைத் தெரிந்து அவர்களுடைய வாழ்க்கைக்கு இடையூருக இருக்குமானுல், அவர்களே ஆட்சேபணையைத் தெரிவித்து பரிகாரம் தேடிக்கொள்வதற்கு சந்தர்ப்பம் கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்பதற்காகத்தான் முதல் திருத்தம் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

" என்னுடைய இரண்டாவது திருத்தத்தின் நோக்கமென்னவென்ருல், மின்சாரத் தட்டு ஏற்படக்கூடிய நெருக்கடியைப் பயன்படுத்திக்கொண்டு, ஜனங்கள் வசிக்கக்கூடிய பிரதேசத்தில் மேலும் மேலும் இயந்திரத்தைப் பெருக்கிக்கொண்டுபோய் மக்களுக்கு இடையூறு கொடுக்கக்கூடாது என்பதற்காகத்தான். இதற்கு நீண்டதொரு விவாதம் தேவையில்லை என்று கருதுகிறேன். ஆகவே, மந்திரி அவர்கள் இதை ஏற்றுக்கொள்ள வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்."

10-30 p.m. * The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The local authority knows the needs and difficulties of the situation. It is expected to consider the wishes of the people before granting permission. The second paragraph of the amendment shows that the hon. Member has not read the Bill fully. (Laughter.) Permission is given only for installing oil engines in the place of electric motors already existing. It is not a question of adding oil engines to the existing machinery. So, there is no necessity for this amendment."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" I am sorry, the Hon. the Minister could not read my amendment properly and understand it properly. It is a very clear amendment. The purpose of it is to prohibit any addition or improvement to the machinery and plant which are sought to be driven by power. They may use the oil engine which produces electrical energy for driving additional plants. I want to prohibit this. That is the purpose of my amendment. I sympathize with the difficulty of the Hon. the Minister for Health who is neither an industrialist nor a health specialist."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Does the hon. Member withdraw his amendment? "

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" No, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' *Add* at the end of sub-clause (2) the following provisos :—

" Provided that in the case of residential areas, before granting of any such permission the competent authority should give fifteen days' notice to the people of the area for the purpose of raising any objection and after considering the objection or objections, granting the permit or otherwise will be confirmed :

Provided further that the temporary permit should not be granted for the purpose of making any addition to the existing machinery or manufacturing plant." ' "

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The amendment was put and lost.

Clauses 2, 1 and the Preamble were each separately put and carried.

* THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I move—

'*That the Madras Installation of Oil Engines (Temporary Permission) Bill*, 1954, *be passed into law.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Madras Installation of Oil Engines (Temporary Permission) Bill, 1954, be passed into law.' "

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(5) THE MADRAS HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

'*That the amendments specified in the annexure, being the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill*, 1954 (*L.A. Bill No.* 27 *of* 1954), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration* :—

ANNEXURE.

(i) *In Clause* 3, after *sub-section* (3) *of new Section* 21, insert *the following as sub-section* (4) :—

" (4) *Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize any person, who is not a Hindu to enter the premises or place referred to in sub-section* (1) *or any part thereof.*"

(ii) *In clause* 10, *for the brackets, letter and word* " (*f*) *waste* ", substitute *the following* :—

" (*f*) *persistent and wilful waste.*" '

Sir, there is already a provision in Section 9 of the Act in this regard. There is also Section 21 (3) which says that only Hindus can enter temples. Therefore, there is no need for these amendments at all."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the first time in the life of this Assembly, the Upper House has passed two amendments to a Bill passed by this House. That means they have bestowed so much thought on this Bill. The first amendment deals with the power of entry into temples by officials. When we consider the amendment that has been passed by the Council, it is our duty to see whether that amendment is necessary at all to advance the purposes of the Act. We must also consider whether it will not nullify the effects of the provisions of the Bill which the

Assembly has passed. When the House of Elders has suggested these amendments, it is proper on our part to consider all aspects of the question. As regards the first amendment, the Hon. the Minister has said that the spirit of the amendment is embodied already in the Act itself. Section 21 (3) clearly states that the officer who enters the temple shall have due regard to the customs, usages and practices of the institution. The amendment accepted by the other House makes a difference. It says that the person who enters the temple shall be a Hindu whereas the original Act does not say so. What we want in a secular State is that the person who enters the temple should have regard for the usages and practices of the temple. Otherwise, there will be a practical difficulty in carrying out the purposes of the Act. I shall illustrate this point. There may arise an occasion when entry into a temple would be very essential. If the amendment is to be endorsed by this House, this job cannot be carried out if the official happens to be a non-Hindu. The purposes of the Act in such a case cannot be carried out effectively. So, it is enough if the official has due regard for the usages and practices obtaining in the temple. This spirit is embodied in the Act itself and so this amendment is unnecessary. If we accept it, it would only nullify the effects of the provision which is already there."

* Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In my opinion, Sir, this amendment does not introduce any new principle. In fact, this is redundant. The existing provision says that the officer shall observe the customs and manners of the temple. If it is the custom in a particular temple that Hindus alone can enter it, then it means no other officer can enter it. Therefore, I think that it is only to show that the Upper House can also return a Bill to this House that this amendment was passed by the other House."

10-40 p.m. * Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" While supporting the arguments advanced by the previous speakers in opposition to the present amendment, I would like to point out to the Upper House . . .

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Let there be no criticism of the Upper House."

* Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" I am a Member of this House. I shall try to explain how the amendment is an absurd one. The Act is named the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1954. That very title clearly shows that it is a piece of legislation concerned with Hindu temples. Clause 3 of the present Bill which seeks to substitute a new section for Section 21 of the principal Act says in sub-section (3) of Section 21 of the principal Act that in entering the premises of a religious institution or place of worship, the person authorized by or under sub-section (1) or the police officer referred to in sub-section (2) shall, if practicable, give notice to the trustee and shall have *due regard to the practices and usages of the institution*. That shows clearly beyond any doubt that the practices and usages that are in vogue

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in any Hindu institution shall be respected. Beyond any reasonable doubt it is therefore clear that only Hindus shall enter a temple and not non-Hindus. Why then the present amendment? I am surprised at the Hon. Minister moving the amendment as passed by the Council."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" He has only brought it to the notice of the House. He has not moved it."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" No, Sir, if his speech were to be perused, what I say would be clear. Inasmuch as this amendment is an absurd one, let the Opposition be given an opportunity to oppose the amendment by moving a counter amendment. Let us take that credit."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member can oppose it straightway."

* Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" The present amendment is incorrect. It is unreal in its spirit. Therefore, it should be thrown out forthwith."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தத் திருத்தம் நம் முன்னால் வந்திருப்பது இந்த மசோதா நிறைவேறுவதைத் தடை செய்வதாகுமென்று நான் கருதுகிறேன். இந்தத் திருத்தத்திற்கு அவசியமே இல்லை. இதை நாம் வன்மையாக எதிர்க்க வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. எப்பொழுதும் நாங்கள் சொல்லிவந்திருக்கிறோம் மேல் சபை என்று ஒன்று இருப்பதே . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" ஒரு தீர்மானத்தை வேண்டுமானால் கொண்டு வந்துவிடுங்கள். ஆனால், அந்த சபையினுடைய நடவடிக்கையைப்பற்றி நீங்கள் ஒன்றும் குறைகூறவேண்டாம்."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" அந்த சபையினுடைய விவாதத்தை நான் குறைகூறவில்லை. மேல்சபையைப்பற்றி நான் எதற்காகச் சொல்ல வேண்டியிருக்கிறதென்றால் . . ."

* Sri N. GOPALA MENON :—" On a point of order, Sir. I find that the Legislative Council is very often spoken of as the Council of Elders and as the Upper House. I think that these two expressions are wrong. The Legislative Council is to be called neither as an Upper House nor as the Council of Elders. It should be merely called the ' Legislative Council ', as no other expression is warranted by the Constitution."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" It is merely a practice. It is not stated in the Constitution as an Upper House or as a House of Elders."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" நம்முடைய அற நிலைய மந்திரி அவர்களையும், அவர்கள் கட்சியையும், நான் குறை கூறவேண்டியிருக்கிறது. இந்தமாதிரி நிலைமைக்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? மேல் சபை வேண்டாமென்று நாங்கள் அன்று தீர்மானம் கொண்டுவந்தபோது, அவர்களும் சேர்ந்து சாதகமாக வோட்டுச் செய்திருந்தால், இந்த மசோதாவானது ஏற்கெனவே சட்டமாக்கப்பட்டு இன்றைக்கு அமுலுக்கு வந்திருக்கும். நாங்கள் கொண்டுவந்த தீர்மானத்தை அன்றைக்கு காங்கிரஸ் கட்சியினர் எதிர்த்து வோட்டளித்ததன் பலனை இன்றைக்கு அவர்கள் அனுபவிக்கின்றார்கள். இந்த மசோதாவை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் அங்கு விளக்க்

கூடிய சமயத்தில் அங்குள்ள அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு சரியாக, விளக்கமாக எடுத்துச் சொல்லாத காரணத்தினால் இந்த மசோதாவானது அங்கிருந்து திரும்பி வந்திருக்கிறதோ என்னவோ எனக்குத் தெரியவில்லை.

" இந்தத் திருத்தமானது, நண்பர் ஸ்ரீ நாராயண குருப் அவர்கள் எடுத்துக் காட்டிய மாதிரி ரொம்ப அர்த்தமற்றது. அவர்கள் மேலான யோசனையை இந்தத் திருத்தத்தின் மூலமாக கொடுக்கவில்லை. ஆகவே, இந்தத் திருத்தங்களை நான் எதிர்க்கிறேன். இந்த மசோதாவைச் சீக்கிரத்தில் நிறைவேற்றிவிட்டு நாம் செல்லலாம் என்பது என்னுடைய அபிப்பிராயம்."

* Sri S. T. ADITYAN :—" I rise to oppose the amendment, I mean the amendment passed by the Legislative Council and which is now before us. The amendment reads thus :

> '(i) Clause 3, after sub-section (3) of new section 21, *insert* the following as sub-section (4) :—
>
> " (4) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize any person who is not a Hindu to enter the premises or place referred to in sub-section (1) or any part thereof " '

I would like to bring to the notice of this hon. House that the relevant words are in the previous Section 21 of the old Act itself. But in the present Section 21 which has been proposed as a new section by the present Bill, it is said in sub-section (3) that in entering the premises of a religious institution or place of worship, the person authorized by or under sub-section (1) of the police officer referred to in sub-section (2) shall, if practicable, give notice to the trustee and shall have due regard to the practices and usages of the institution. In the light of this, let us see what follows from the amendment now proposed by the Legislative Council.

" Let us take for argument's sake a temple wherein Christians and Muslims are permitted to enter. The amendment of the Legislative Council says that even supposing there is such a practice, viz., of allowing Christians and Muslims, the authorized officer, if he were to be a Christian or Muslim—should *not* enter the temple. That is what the amendment of the Legislative Council says. Take for instance, the temple at Palni. Muslims are allowed to enter up to certain portion of that temple. According to sub-section (3) of Section 21 as passed by this hon. House the practices and usages of the institution, which allow a Muslim to enter the temple at Palni, would be preserved. But according to the amendment made by the Legislative Council, no inspecting officer can enter the temple if he is a Muslim even though by custom, Muslims are allowed to enter a certain portion of the Palni temple. So it looks very unreasonable indeed.

" So far as the Hindu religion is concerned, it is one of the oldest religions of the world and it is famous throughout the world because of its catholicity of outlook. That is why it is respected throughout the world. I may submit, in this connection, that the time is not far off when Muslims, Christians, Jains, Buddhists and one and all would be free to enter our Hindu temples without any obstruction. That time is not far off. The

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time is, therefore, not far off when we may have to amend the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act so that any individual be he a Muslim, Christian, Jain or Buddhist would be allowed free entry into our temples.

" Let me conclude by saying that this amendment is, therefore retrograde. That is why I say that this amendment need not and should not be accepted by this House."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, மேல் சபையால் நிறைவேற்றி இங்கு கொண்டுவரப்பட்ட திருத்தத்தை நான் எதிர்க்கிறேன். மத அடிப்படையில்தான் இந்த திருத்தம் அங்கு நிறைவேறியிருக்கிறது. ஆளும் கட்சியினர் எவ்வித எதிர்ப்புமின்றி, விவாதம் இல்லாமலேயே நிறைவேற்ற வேண்டுமென்ற நோக்கத்துடன் மசோதாவைக் கொண்டுவந்தார்கள். ஆனால் இந்த அர்த்த ராத்திரியில் நாம் கூடிப் பேசுவதற்கு சந்தர்ப்பம் அளிப்பது மதத்தின் அடிப்படையிலே ஏற்பட்ட விளைவின் காரணமாகத்தான். அதனாலேதான் நான் பேசவேண்டியிருக்கிறது.

" இப்போது மதச் சார்பற்ற சர்க்காரிலே இருக்கிறோம் என்பது தெரிந்திருந்தும், ஏதோ இந்து மதத்தைச் சேராத மற்றவர்கள் இந்துக்களுடைய கோயில்களில் வரக்கூடாது என்று சட்டம் இயற்றி இருப்பது அநியாயமாகும். துரிஞ்சில், நாய், பூனை எல்லாம் கோவில்களில் வரலாம் என்று இருக்கும் போது, மனிதர்கள் மத மாற்றம் காரணமாக வரக்கூடாதா ? இந்துக்களில் ஒரு சிலர் மற்ற மதத்தில் சேரும்படியான நிலைமை ஏன் ஏற்பட்டது என்பதற்கு மதத்தை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டிருக்கிற ஒரு சிலருடைய அந்த மத வெறிதான் காரணம். இந்துக்கள் தவிர மற்ற மதத்தினர்கள் வரக்கூடாது என்று மந்திரி அவர்கள் குறிப்பிட்டார்கள். இந்துக்கள் என்று கருதப்படுகிற ஆதி திராவிட மக்களை ஏன் கோவிலுக்குள் வரக்கூடாது என்று சம்பிரதாயப்படி தடுத்து வந்தார்கள் என்று நான் கேட்கிறேன். ஆலயப் பிரவேச சட்டம் வந்தும்கூட ஏன் இந்த விதமான நிலைமை நீடிக்கிறது என்று சிந்தித்துப்பார்க்கவேண்டும். ஆண்டவன் சன்னதியிலே எல்லோரும் சமம். ஜாதி, மத பாகுபாடு கூடாது என்று ஆண்டவனுக்கு இலக்கணம் சொல்லுபவர்கள், இந்துக்கள் தவிர மற்ற மதத்தினர் வரக்கூடாது என்ற திருத்தத்தைக் கொண்டுவந்திருக்கிறார்கள். ஆதலால் இதை வாபஸ் வாங்கவேண்டுமென்று சொல்லிக்கொண்டு நான் இதை எதிர்க்கிறேன."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I oppose 10-50 p.m.
the amendment. I for one feel that even the sub-clause (3) of the proposed clause 21 is not necessary."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We cannot change it now."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Though we cannot change it now, I feel that that sub-clause itself is not necessary, because much mischief can be done under cover of the words ' practices and usages of the institution.' The proposed amendment is not at all necessary. I feel that there is some mischievous move behind the whole thing."

* THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, I understood Mr. Kalyanasundram to say in the course of his speech that I did not explain in the Council the implications of this amendment. I did explain them. At one stage, the Mover of the amendment was inclined to withdraw it. But at a later stage he thought he

should press it and pressed it. After moving the motion, I said that the amendment was unnecessary and I did not want to dwel upon it at length because I thought that it was not necessary."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' In Clause 3, after sub-section (3) of new section 21, *insert* the following as sub-section (4) :—

" (4) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize any person, who is not a Hindu, to enter the premises or place referred to in sub-section (1) or any part thereof." ' "

The amendment was put to vote and rejected unanimously.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The second amendment is now before the House for discussion."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, so far as this amendment is concerned, I must say that this is a wilful and mischievous amendment conceived by legal brains. Clause (f) provides for action to be taken when there is ' waste of the funds of properties of the institution of the application of such funds or properties for purposes unconnected with the institution.' What waste means is very clear. The amendment proposes that action can be taken only in the case of ' persistent and wilful ' waste. The waste should be both persistent *and* wilful, and action cannot be taken if it is persistent *or* wilful. Persistent is objective whereas wilful is subjective. I think, in some judgments, the Judges of the Madras High Court have used these words. I think Mr. Justice Mack has used these words. A lawyer is responsible for taking those words and putting them here. To prove that a waste has been persistent and wilful is very difficult and even impossible on the face of the earth. Persistent waste means that the waste should be a continuous one, that is a person should go on wasting the funds. It is also difficult to prove that a waste it wilful, because we cannot know what is in the mind of the person who wastes the funds. The intention of the amendment is to encourage certain people to go on wasting the funds of religious institutions. So I strongly oppose the amendment."

* SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—" The learned and hon. Friend who preceded me said that the words ' persistent ' and ' wilful ' were taken from the judgment of the High Court. I think they have not been taken from the judgment of the High Court but that they have been taken from Section 52 (1) (*f*) of the parent Act which provides for taking action in the case of ' persistent and wilful default.' If a trustee is persistent and wilful in the disobedience of lawful orders, provision is made for taking certain action against him. The words ' persistent ' and ' wilful ' read well in that context. Those words are taken out of that context and put as an appellation or adjective to ' waste '. The result is that action can be taken when the waste is committed not once or twice but persistently. Secondly the waste should also be wilful. The

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waste may be to the tune of several lakhs of rupees, but even then the waste should have been wilfully and not negligently committed by the trustee. Action could be taken only when the waste is persistent *and* wilful and not even when it is persistent *or* wilful. For taking action, one has to wait till the waste becomes persistent and one has to go into the psychology of the person to see whether the waste is wilful. These conditions are impossible of performance. The imposition of these conditions is as good as saying that no action could be taken against a trustee who wastes the funds of the institution of which he is a trustee. I say that the Legislative Council has approved the amendment without going into the full implication of it. That is the most charitable construction that I can put upon it. Therefore my submission is that we should reject the amendment."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I too feel that this amendment is unwarranted. We are dealing with the position of trustees. A trustee should be more careful about the trust property than about his private property. It is said that for taking action the waste should be wilful. Even through negligence, not a pie of the public funds should be wasted. To import such legal terms such as ' persistent ' and ' wilful ' in a legislation dealing with trustees, about which we are already in difficulties, will, I submit, create more complications. Without meaning any disrespect, I may say that the interpretation of law by Judge's very often runs counter to the intentionss of the progressive mind. For instance, if in an Act we provide for the payment of compensation, courts will import into it the meaning that the compensation should be just and sufficient. Therefore, even if we reject the amendment here, I do not know whether the courts will construe that the waste should be persistent, wilful and so on. However, the amendment is not at all necessary. To prove waste itself is very difficult; to make it persistent and also wilful will, I think, render the intentions nugatory. There fore, I oppose the amendment."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I rise to oppose the amendment made by the Legislative Council. To tell you the truth, I anticipated some such amendments. I wish to respectfully submit that the Legislative Council, or I should say at least some of its Members, are keen in watering down the provisions of a measure that this Assembly passes so that certain vested interests could be protected. As far as my experience goes . . ."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" Whatever may be their intentions, motives should not be attributed to them. The hon. Member may speak on the amendment."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" While speaking on the amendment, I have to express the experience that we have gained outside the Legislature also. Almost 99 per cent of the hereditary trustees of the temples are Rajas, Zamindars and reactionary big landlords who loot the properties of the temples and utilize the funds of temples for their own personal interests.

If this amendment is accepted, we will only be helping those vested interests. This will merely amount to showing the green flag to such looters to loot more and more money. They will go on utilizing temple funds for their own personal interests. Therefore, Sir, I strongly oppose the amendment.''

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" മിസ്റ്റർ, സ്പീക്കർ, സാർ, തുടർച്ചയായും കരുതിക്കൂട്ടിയും ക്ഷേത്രം സ്വത്തുക്കൾ ദുരുപയോഗപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനെപ്പററിയാണ് ഇവിടെ പറയുന്നത്. ഈ ഭേദഗതികൊണ്ടു വരുന്നത് തുടർച്ചയായും കരുതിക്കൂട്ടിയും കക്കാൻ അനുവദിക്കണം, അതു തെളിയുന്നതുവരെ കാത്തിരുന്നിട്ടേ നടപടി എടുക്കാവൂ എന്നാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഈ ഭേദഗതി തള്ളേണ്ടതാണെന്ന് ഞാൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെടുന്നു. ''

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I submit that the amendment is not at all necessary. By our adding the words 'persistent and wilful', we will only be helping clever trustees to escape the clutches of the law with the assistance of good lawyers. The amendment, if carried, will only give some food to the lawyers and will not help temples in getting full benefit from the property which belongs to them. I, therefore, oppose the amendment, Sir.''

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Mr. Speaker, when the Members of the Congress party and also many public workers wanted to introduce a legislation like this, it was for the purpose of controlling the administration of these maths by street laws and regulations. As the funds entrusted with the trustees were wasted and not properly used, we wanted to stop such wastage of public funds and control the administration of such religious institutions. Sir, some people, speaking on behalf of these trustees and matadhipatis say, 'Oh, you are mistaken. These matadhipatis and trustees will never waste a single pie. They are very good people. They are above all these things like the Buddhist monks.' Sir, the Buddhist monks in Burma will never touch money. It seems they should not touch it. That is why those people use to take small boys with them when they go on travel. These boys will have the money-purse. Whenever they want money for some purpose, they use to call these boys and ask them to pay for the ticket and other expenses. Thus, these boys spend money for the monks. Some of the monks do not even trust these boys. So, they will take the boys with them but will not leave the money-purse with the boys. They will keep the money-purse with them somewhere in their waist. Whenever they want to spend money, they call these boys, ask them to take the purse from their waist and pay for the expenditure. They, however, take back the purse from the boy and keep the same with them as before.

" Sir, I am very glad that the mover of the amendment in the other House has openly come out with this amendment. He has not said that the matadhipatis and trustees are not wasting money. He has in a way admitted that they are wasting money. He only says, 'Don't take any action against those people if they waste money once or twice. If they persistently and wilfully waste

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money, then you can take action against them.' Sir, though he has admitted the fact that the matadhipatis and trustees are wasting public funds, it is not possible to accept his argument. Therefore, I oppose the amendment. Sir, I am very glad that the Opposition Members have very vehemently supported the Government in this matter.''

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—'' கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, 11-05 p.m.
இந்தத் திருத்தங்கள் நம்முடைய சபையிலுள்ள எல்லாக் கட்சிகளையும் ஒன்றுபடுத்தி இருப்பதைக் குறித்து நான் ரொம்பவும் சந்தோஷப்படுகிறேன். கட்சி வித்தியாசம் இல்லாமல் எல்லோரும் உத்சாகத்துடனும், சந்தோஷத்துடனும் இந்த அகாலத்தில், அதுவும் குளிர்ந்த நேரத்தில் எல்லோரும் இந்த திருத்தங்களை ஆதரிப்பது ஒரு வரவேற்கத்தகுந்த அம்சமாக இருக்கிறது. இந்தத் திருத்தங்களை வன்மையாக எதிர்க்கும்போது ஒரு சந்தேகமும், ஆச்சர்யமும் ஏற்படுகிறது. நம்முடைய மந்திரி அவர்கள் எந்தக் கட்சியைச் சேர்ந்தவராக இருக்கிறாரோ அந்தக் கட்சிதான் அங்கே மெஜாரிட்டியாக இருக்கிறது. அப்படி இருந்தும் ஏன் இந்தத் திருத்தங்கள் ஒப்புக்கொள்ளப்பட்டன என்பதுதான் தெரியவில்லை. கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் இதைப்பற்றி மிக வன்மையாக எடுத்துச் சொல்லியும் இது ஏன் தோற்கடிக்கப்படவில்லை என்பதுதான் தெரியவில்லை. அதனால்தான் மீண்டும் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் நம்முடைய ஆதரவை நாடுகிறார். இவ்விதம் கட்சி மெஜாரிட்டியாக இருந்தும்கூட அவர் கட்சி ஏன் தோற்றது என்பதைக் கேட்க எங்களுக்கு உரிமை உண்டு. இவ்விதம் தோற்றதற்கு அவர்களுடைய கட்சி அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு வோட்டளிக்க சுதந்திரம் கொடுக்கப்பட்டதா அல்லது அவர்கள் தங்களுடைய கட்சிக் கட்டுப்பாட்டை மீறி வோட்டளித்தார்களா என்பது விளங்கவில்லை. ஏன் சர்க்கார் தோற்றது ? அதன் விளைவு என்ன என்பதைக் கேட்க எங்களுக்கு உரிமை உண்டு.

"அடுத்தபடியாக திருத்தங்களைப்பற்றி பேச விரும்புகிறேன். இந்த திருத்தங்களைப்பற்றி பல மெம்பர்கள் வன்மையாகக் கண்டித்திருக்கிறார்கள். தர்ம ஸ்தாபன சொத்துக்களையும், பொது சொத்துக்களையும் விரயம் செய்யாமல் இருக்க ஒரு கட்டுப்பாடு வேண்டும் என்று இந்த திருத்தம் சொல்ல வேண்டுமே தவிர வேறு இல்லை. பொது சொத்துக்களும், தர்ம சொத்துக்களும் கொள்ளையடிக்கப்படுகின்றன. அதைக் கட்டுப்படுத்த வேண்டும் என்று சொல்லுகிறபோது அப்படிக் கட்டுப்படுத்தக்கூடாது என்று திருத்தம் கொண்டுவருவது கொள்ளையடிப்பதை . . .''

MR. SPEAKER :—" கனம் அங்கத்தினர் திருத்தத்தைப்பற்றித்தான் பேசவேண்டுமே தவிர திருத்தம் கொண்டுவந்தவர்களைப்பற்றி பேசக்கூடாது. திருத்தங்களைப்பற்றியே நாம் ஆராய்வோம்.''

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" நான் சொல்லி முடிப்பதற்குள் நீங்கள் சொல்லிவிட்டீர்களே. நான் இன்னும் என்னுடைய வாக்கியத்தையே முடிக்கவில்லையே. திருத்தம் கொண்டுவந்தவர்களைப்பற்றி எனக்குத் தெரியாது. இப்பொழுது நிறைவேற்றப்பட்ட திருத்தம் ஒப்புக்கொள்ளப்பட்டால் என்னவாகும் என்றால் பொது சொத்துக்கள் எப்படியாகிலும் போகட்டும் ; யார் வேண்டுமென்றாலும் துர்விநியோகம் செய்யட்டும் ; அதைப்பற்றி கேட்பதற்கு ஒருவரும் இருக்கக்கூடாது என்ற நிலைமை ஏற்படும் என்று சொல்லுகிறேன். இந்தத் திருத்தங்களை பிரேரேபித்தவர்களுடைய நோக்கத்தைப்பற்றி நான் சந்தேகிக்கவே இல்லை. இந்தத் திருத்தங்களை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டால் தர்ம ஸ்தாபன சொத்துக்களும், பொது சொத்துக்களும் கொள்ளையடிக்கப்பட்டுவிடும். கொள்ளையடிப்பதற்கு சாதகம் ஏற்படும். அதற்கு வசதியும் ஏற்படும். அதற்காக நம்மீது குற்றம் சாட்டப்படும். ஆகையால் இந்த சபை இந்தத் திருத்தங்களை எதிர்க்க வேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக்கொண்டு இத்துடன் முடித்துக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

11-10 p.m. * THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, though it may not be proper on my part to explain the circumstances under which this amendment was defeated in the other House, I only wish to say that nobody on the Congress side expected that an amendment of this sort would be passed. Further we expected the Member who moved the amendment to withdraw it. Subsequently, he pressed it.

" Anyhow, that is not the point for our consideration here. Let us not go into the causes which were responsible for bringing this amendment again to this House. All that I wish to say now is that I consider the words 'persistent and wilful' as unnecessary. I do not want to add anything to what has already been said by the hon. Members who have spoken before me."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'In clause 10, *for* the brackets, letter and word " (f) waste ", *substitute* the following :—

" (*f*) persistent and wilful waste." ' "

The amendment was put and rejected unanimously.

VI.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS—*cont.*

(2) AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE IV TO THE MADRAS CITY MUNICIPAL ACT, 1919.

* THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Sir, I beg to move that—

'*The following draft of a rule proposed to be made by the Governor of Madras in exercise of the powers conferred by Section* 347 *of the Madras City Municipal Act*, 1919 (*Madras Act IV of* 1919), *altering Schedule IV to that Act be approved* :—

DRAFT RULE.

In the said schedule, in rule 14, *for the words " within fifteen days ", the words " within thirty days " shall be substituted.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The motion is that—

'The following draft of a rule proposed to be made by the Governor of Madras in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 347 of the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919 (Madras Act IV of 1919), altering Schedule IV to that Act be approved :—

DRAFT RULE.

In the said schedule, in rule 14, for the words " within fifteen days ", the words " within thirty days " shall be substituted.' "

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தத் திருத்தமானது வரவேற்கக்கூடியதாயிருந்தாலுங்கூட, இதைக் கொண்டுவந்திருக்கக்கூடிய முறையை என்னால் வரவேற்க முடியவில்லை. இந்த நேரத்தில் சபை நடக்கும் என்று யாரும் எதிர்பார்க்கவில்லை. அப்படி

நடப்பது என்று இன்று காலையில் திடீரென்று தீர்மானிக்கப்பட்டது. அப்படியிருந்தும் சபைக்கு வரக்கூடிய சமயத்தில்தான் இந்த நோட்டீசைப் பார்க்கிறோம். நம்முடைய புதிய மந்திரி ரொம்ப வாலிபமாக இருக்கக்கூடியவர். அவர்கள்கூட இந்தமாதிரி சபையை நடத்தலாமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்? நம்முடைய சுகாதார மந்திரியைப்போல் வயோதிகமாக இருந்தாலும் போகட்டும் என்று விட்டுக் கொடுக்கலாம். வாலிபமாக இருப்பதால் இன்னும் அதிகமாக வேலையை ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளவேண்டும். அப்படியிருக்கும்போது திடீரென்று எங்கள் கையிலே இந்தத் தீர்மானத்தைக் கொடுத்து, உங்களுடைய ஆதரவைக் கொடுங்கள் என்று சொன்னால் நாங்கள் என்ன செய்வது? எங்களிடம் லைப்ரரி இருக்கிறதா? ஏற்கெனவேயுள்ள சட்டத்தின் விதி என்ன? இப்பொழுது திருத்தம் செய்யப்படுவது என்ன என்பதற்கெல்லாம் எங்களுக்கு விளக்கம் செய்யப்பட்டிருந்தால், அவர் திறமையாக அவருடைய வேலையைச் செய்ததாக ஒப்புக்கொள்வேன். இந்த மாதிரி கொடுத்து, அது என்னவென்று தெரியாமல், அதற்கு வோட்டு கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்பது நம்முடைய சபையை கண்ணியமாக நடத்துவதாக நான் ஒப்புக் கொள்ள முடியாது. நம்முடைய நிதி மந்திரி அவர்கள் அது என்னவென்பதை சட்டத்தையெல்லாம் எடுத்துக் காண்பித்தார்கள். அவர் சொன்னபடி ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு ஆதரவு கொடுக்கவேண்டிய நிர்ப்பந்தத்தில் இருக்கிறோம். நிதி மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்ன வார்த்தை என்னவென்றால், வரி விதிப்பதை மாற்றுவதற்கு செய்யக்கூடிய அப்பீலுக்கு 15 நாள் அவகாசம் இருப்பதற்குப் பதிலாக ஒரு மாத அவகாசம் கொடுக்கிறோம். வாக்காளர்களுக்கு வசதியளிப்பதாகையால், இதற்கு ஆதரவு அளிக்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொண்டதற்கேற்ப நாங்கள் இதற்கு ஆதரவு கொடுக்கிறோம். ஆனால், இந்தத் தீர்மானத்தைக் கொண்டுவந்த முறையை வன்மையாகக் கண்டிக்கிறேன்."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I may point out that the Hon. Minister for Local Administration is new and that is why he perhaps mistakenly thought that hon. Members knew everything about every subject. Hereafter, he will be careful in such things."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" But, Sir, even the Finance Minister for his explanation had to refer to the concerned record only just now."

* SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, I welcome this amendment to Schedule IV of the Madras City Municipal Act. Sir, the hon. Member Sri Kalyanasundram is perfectly right when he complains ' why an amendment of this type should be rushed through at this late hour '. But I claim to have a little knowledge of the City Municipal Act and it is our experience that the time limit allowed for appeal to an applicant who applied for approval to building plans or for issue of licence to have some shops conducted under the Municipal Act, is only fifteen days. Even in taxation appeals referred to the Taxation Committees the time allowed is only fifteen days. Further, the communication which carries the refusal of the Commissioner of the Corporation also takes some considerable time before it reaches actually the applicant whose application is rejected and the postal authorities also in their turn take plenty of time. It has been the painful experience of the people of Madras that when they get to know that their applications have been rejected, already some days would have elapsed out of the fifteen days allowed; in the remaining short period they

have to rush to their legal advisers or technical experts, revise their plans and their estimates and prefer an appeal. All this involves a great amount of delay and the present amendment which seeks to give thirty days' time before which an appeal could be preferred, is a welcome measure, and the people of Madras will wholeheartedly welcome this kind of amendment and congratulate the Hon. the Health Minister for bringing such a measure. This amendment will go a long way in benefitting the people of Madras.''

11-16 p.m. SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—'' கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, வீட்டு வரியில் உயர்வு இருந்தால் அதை ஆட்சேபித்து அப்பீல் கமிட்டிக்கு அப்பீல் செய்துகொள்வதற்கு 15 நாள் அவகாசம் இருப்பதை 30 நாளாக உயர்த்த வேண்டுமென்ற திருத்தத்தை நான் வரவேற்கிறேன். அதேபோல், ஜில்லாக்களிலிருக்கக்கூடிய முனிசிபாலிடிகளிலும் இந்தமாதிரி ஒரு பெரிய சிரமம் இருக்கிறது. அதையும் இந்த சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் சர்க்காருடைய கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவர விரும்புகிறேன். ஆகவே முனிசிபாலிடி, பஞ்சாயத்து போன்ற இடங்களுக்கும் அப்பீல் செய்துகொள்வதற்குள்ள அவகாசம் அதிகரிக்கப்பட்டு, அதற்கான திருத்தங்கள் செய்யப்படவேண்டும்.

'' மேலும், கமிஷனர் அல்லது நிர்வாக அதிகாரியானவர் ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட தொகையை வரியாகக் கட்டவேண்டுமென்று உத்தரவிட்டிருந்தால் பூராப் பணத்தையும் கட்டிவிட்டு, பிறகுதான் அப்பீல் செய்துகொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று முனிசிபல் சட்டத்தில் ஒரு விதி இருக்கிறது. அதையும் கவனித்து உடனடியாகத் திருத்தவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன்.''

* SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—'' Sir, all that I wanted to say, my hon. Friend Sri Ramalingam has just now expressed. That is, so far as the City is concerned, the fifteen days' time limit is enhanced to thirty days. That is only in conformity with the time allowed for appeals in other cases, such as Revenue matters and also Civil matters where the appeal time allowed is generally thirty days. Under the City Municipal Act, it has been revised now. It is a welcome measure and a useful innovation. Certainly a similar provision must be inserted in the District Municipalities Act and Panchayats Act. That was the thing I wanted to mention.

'' Another thing which I want to mention in passing is this. In explaining the short notice given to the House in this matter, and why the motion was circulated so late, the Hon. the Finance Minister explained it by saying that the present incumbent to the portfolio was rather young and new and that if he were older enough he would have known that this House might not be acquainted with these things. I submit, Sir, this is adding insult to the injury. I am here reminded of an explanation of a certain senior advocate in a certain case. It appears, a junior member of the Bar, after the judgment was pronounced in a certain case, said that he was surprised at the judgment and then the Judge hauled him up for contempt of Court. Soon the senior came rushing in and began to explain : ' My Lord, if my learned junior had been in the Bar for half the time that I have been here, he would not be surprised at anything that happens in this Court '. Similar is the

explanation of our Hon. Finance Minister, that is to say, if the Hon. Minister for Local Administration had been older enough, then he would have known that this House does not know anything about this matter. This explanation is only adding insult to the injury."

* SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, this motion relates to taxation assessments and appeals against taxation assessments. I do not feel so happy over this measure as my hon. Friend Sri Vinayakam is. Further, I expected him to say that even this amendment was not quite satisfactory.

" It is true that by the present amendment, the fifteen days' time is enhanced to thirty days. The real effect of the rule is merely to extend the time but not to ensure service of notice on the party. However, half a loaf is better than none.

" The rule says ' fifteen days from the date when the notice is posted ' and not fifteen days from the time when the person actually receives the notice. I remember, Sir, when I was in the Corporation, we had endless cases of people coming up and saying that they have not received any notice at all. Whenever they went to the Revenue Officer or the Commissioner and told them that the taxes had been enhanced without their knowledge, the officers would turn round and say : ' Here is the rule which says ' fifteen days from the date of despatch of the notice; we are not concerned whether you received that notice or not; we have sent it '. So, making this period thirty days does not help much. Whatever the period be, I want that it should commence from the date on which the person actually receives the notice. I know when notices were sent to certain persons from the Corporation, the men unfortunately happened to be away from the City. Either the man happened to be, for instance, at Madanapalle for treatment or on a visit to North India on pilgrimage. In this way, the man does not get the notice which is sent to his address in Madras. The result is when he comes back after the treatment or pilgrimage, the notice period lapses because it is more than fifteen days from the date of despatch of notice. I remember, when I was Chairman of the Taxation and Finance Committee, we pointed out to the Commissioner that the rule ought to be amended as ' fifteen days from the date of receipt of notice by the person concerned '. Now after a spell of nearly six or seven years we find the same old thing continuing. And the present Councillors, one of whom is here, are supporting that rule. There is no use of saying ' thirty days from the date of despatch of the notice ' because in the cases which I know the persons concerned did not receive the notices at all. I do not want to oppose the amendment suggesting ' thirty days ' but what I would ask the Councillors of the Corporation, the Commissioner of the Corporation and the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration to do is to bring in a further amendment to say that the time fixed for action commences

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only after thirty days or fifteen days of the actual receipt of the communication. If any party refuses to receive the notice, of course, the ordinary provisions of law will come into operation."

* SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" On a point of personal explanation, Sir. I admit, Sir, Mr. Gopala Menon was the seniormost Councillor of the Corporation at the time he was there. He was there even before I could get in and I admit that he has plenty of experience as Councillor which is richer than mine. But, Sir, the Act is absolutely silent as far as notices are concerned. I would request him to refer to the Act. It does not specify anything, whether it should be the date on which the person receives the notice or the date on which it is despatched. But there is a convention observed in the Corporation to the effect that it is ' from the date when it is received by the person under reference ' and not from the date on which the notice is signed and issued. I am perfectly aware of this convention. But the Act is silent on this matter. Of course, I agree with Mr. Gopala Menon that the matter should be made clear. It is all a matter of sentiment."

* SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" The rule that is placed before us itself says that appeals in respect of taxes should be preferred to the Taxation Appeals Committee within fifteen days from the date on which the orders were sent by post. Let me assure my friend that the convention is ' from the date when it is posted by the man concerned in the Corporation '."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" It is never posted. It is despatched through peons."

* THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த சென்னை சிடி முனிசிபல் ஆக்ட்டில் 4-வது ஷெட்யூலில் 14-வது ரூலின்படி 15 நாளைக்குள் அப்பீல் செய்து கொள்ளவேண்டும் என்பதை 30 நாளாகச் செய்யவேண்டுமென்று திருத்தம் கொண்டுவரப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இது கார்ப்பொரேஷன் கவுன்சிலால் தீர்மானிக்கப்பட்டு அரசாங்கத்தைக் கேட்டுக்கொண்டதின் காரணமாக இச்சபையின் முன் கொண்டுவர பட்டது. எதிர்க்கட்சி உப தலைவர் ஸ்ரீ கல்யாணசுந்திரம் அவர்கள் பேசும்பொழுது நான் இதை அவசரமாக சபைமுன் கொண்டு வந்திருப்பதாகவும் இதுபற்றிய விவரத்தை ஒன்றும் குறிப்பிடவில்லையென்றும் தெரிவித்தார். இதை எதற்காக கொண்டுவந்திருக்கிறோம் என்பதன் அவசியமும் மெமோராண்டத்தில் குறிப்பிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதனால்தான் குறிப்பாக சில விஷயங்களைக் கூறிவிட்டு நிறுத்திவிட்டேன். இதன் நோக்கம் அவர்கள் புரிந்துக்கொண்டிருந்தும் நான் ஏதோ இதைப் பற்றி விளக்கவில்லை என்று சொல்லி இந்த சந்தர்ப்பத்தை அவர் சாதகமாக உபயோகித்துக்கொண்டார் என்று நினைக்கிறேன். அப்பீல் செய்து கொள்வதற்கு 15 நாள் அவகாசம் கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்றிருப்பதை, 30 நாள் ஆக மாற்றவேண்டுமென்று கார்ப்பொரேஷன் கேட்டுக்கொண்டிருப்பதை அனுசரித்து அரசாங்கம் இந்தத் திருத்தத்தைக் கொண்டுவந்திருக்கிறார்களே யொழிய இதில் வேறு எந்தவிதமான எண்ணமும் அரசாங்கத்திற்கு கிடையாது. இந்த பிரேரேபணையை ஏற்றுக்கொள்வதுபற்றி மிகவும் சந்தோஷமடைகிறேன்."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the following draft of a rule proposed to be made by the Governor of Madras in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 347 of the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919 (Madras Act IV of 1919) altering Schedule IV to that Act be approved :—

DRAFT RULE.

In the said Schedule, in rule 14, for the words " within fifteen days ", the words " within thirty days ", shall be substituted.' "

The motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I now adjourn the House *sine die*."

The House then adjourned *sine die*.

VII.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

1. *Printed statement containing some further particulars—vide Answer to Legislative Assembly starred question No.* 224 (630) *by Sri S. Ramalingam, M.L.A., given on the 17th March* 1954.

2. *The Madras Installation of Oil Engines (Temporary Permission) Bill,* 1954 (*L.C. Bill No.* 9 *of* 1954).

TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

Appendix I.

[Vide answer to clause (*b*) of starred question No. 1355 asked by Sri A. Ratnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 13th August 1954, page 624 supra.]

Activities of Health Visitors employed in—

(1) *Kasturba-Gandhi Hospital for Women and Children, Madras.*—The Health Visitors are under the direct supervision of the Nursing Superintendent and under the administrative control of the Superintendent.

Duties of Health Visitor in Children Hospital.—

Sunday, Monday and Thursday—

7 a.m. to 10 a.m.—Children, out-patient.

10 a.m. to 12 noon—Children ward to supervising diet.

Monday and Thursday—

Evening—Home visit—2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—To follow up discharged patients.

Tuesday and Friday—

7 a.m. to 10 a.m.—Children, out-patient.

10 a.m. to 12 noon—Ward.

Evening—4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—To contact visitors in Children Hospital.

Wednesday and Saturday—

7 a.m. to 10 a.m.—Children, out-patient.

10 a.m. to 12 noon—Ward.

Evening—2 p.m. to 4 p.m.—Games.

Duties of Health Visitor working in ante-natal side.—

Daily 7 a.m. to 12 noon—Ante-natal out-patient for routine examination of expectant mothers, registering cases and keeping records.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday—

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—House visits to follow up ante-natal cases.

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday—

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Supervision of milking.

(2) *Government Hospital for Women and Children.*—The Health Visitors work in the out-patient department of this hospital in the mornings and visit the slum areas in the afternoons. They work under the control of the Superintendent supervised by the medical officer-in-charge of the out-patient department.

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(3) *Government Tuberculosis Institute, Madras.*—The Health Visitors attached to the Government Tuberculosis Institute, first contact the patients who are diagnosed to be suffering from tuberculosis. Later their houses are visited by these Health Visitors. Cards containing all details about the entire family of the patient including his socio-economic condition as well as living conditions are filled up. The patients are advised regarding the need for isolation in the home, the proper disposal of sputum as well as the necessity for the examination of the immediate contact as well as the neighbours. It is the duty of Health Visitors to check by frequent revisits whether the advice tendered to them is being followed. These Health Visitors are being supervised by two doctors who are on contact work and all are controlled by the Director.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to clause (*b*) of starred question No. 1356 asked by Sri N. Gopala Menon at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 13th August 1954, pages 624–625 supra.]

Statement showing the amounts set apart or utilized for educational purposes out of the income of the Guruvayur temple.

Fasli. (1)	Amount. (2) RS.	A.	P.
(1) Oriental Sanskrit High School—			
1360	9,276	3	7
1361	8,733	13	3
1362	7,686	3	6
1363 up to 2nd April 1954	4,083	10	6
(2) Zamorin's College or Guruvayurappan College—			
1360	1,00,000	0	0
1361	5,00,000	0	0
1362	Nil.		
1363	Nil.		
(3) Pattambi Sanskrit College—			
1360	4,000	0	0
1361	2,000	0	0
1362	Nil.		
1363	Nil.		
(4) Shoranur Keraleeya Ayurveda Samajam—			
1360	1,000	0	0
1361	Nil.		
1362	Nil.		
1363	Nil.		

Fasli. (1)	Amount. (2) RS. A. P.
(5) Religious conference at Guruvayur—	
1360	1,716 6 0
1361	3,336 11 3
1362	4,194 4 9
1363	Nil.
(6) Library—	
1360	1,087 4 3
1361	1,218 7 9
1362	1,253 0 6
1363	1,089 5 0

Apart from these amounts, a sum of Rs. 2,000 was spent for an orphanage in fasli 1363.

APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to clause (c) of starred question No. 1381 asked by Sri A. Ratnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 13th August 1954, page 645 supra.]

Statement showing the present scale of diet allowed to 'A', 'B' and 'C' class prisoners.

The present scale of diet allowed to 'A', 'B' and 'C' class prisoners per day is as fallows :—

'A' & 'B' Class Prisoners.

Name of articles.	*Vegetarian diet.* *A & B Class.* Labouring.	Non-labouring.	*Non-vegetarian diet.* *A & B Class.* Labouring.	Non-labouring.	Remarks.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	LB. OZ. DRS.	LB. OZ. DRS.	LB. OZ. DRS.	LB. OZ. DRS.	
Rice	0 8 0	0 8 0	0 8 0	0 8 0	Per day.
Millets	0 8 0	0 6 0	0 8 0	0 6 0	Do.
Salt	0 1 4	0 1 4	0 1 4	0 1 4	Do.
Tamarind	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0	Do.
Curry powder	0 0 12	0 0 12	0 0 12	0 0 8	Do.
Onion	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0	Do.
Vegetables	0 8 0	0 8 0	0 8 0 0 6 0	0 8 0 0 6 0	4 days a week. 3 days a week.
Gingelly oil	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 0 8	Per day.
Ghee	0 1 0	0 1 0	..	..	..
Dhall	0 6 0	0 5 0	0 6 0 0 2 0	0 3 0 0 2 0	4 days a week. 3 days a week.
Groundnut	0 2 0	0 2 0	0 2 0	0 2 0	Per day.
Jaggery	0 0 8	0 0 8	0 0 8	0 0 8	Do.

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'A' & 'B' Class Prisoners—cont.

Name of articles. (1)	Vegetarian diet. A & B Class. Labouring. (2) LB.	OZ.	DRS.	Vegetarian diet. A & B Class. Non-labouring. (3) LB.	OZ.	DRS.	Non-vegetarian diet. A & B Class. Labouring. (4) LB.	OZ.	DRS.	Non-vegetarian diet. A & B Class. Non-labouring. (5) LB.	OZ.	DRS.	Remarks. (6)
Potatoes	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	4 days a week.
							0	1	0		..		3 days a week.
Pepper	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	4	Per day.
Mustard	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	4	Do.
Cummin seeds	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	4	Do.
Garlic	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	Do.
Firewood	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	Do.
White sugar	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	8	0	1	8	Do.
Milk	0	15	0	0	15	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	Do.
Coffee	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	0	8	Do.
Coconuts	1/4 No.			1/4 No.			1/4 No.			1/4 No.			Do.
Mutton		..			..		0	6	0	0	4	0	3 days in a week.
Suji		..			..		0	2	0	0	2	0	4 days in a week.

'C' Class Prisoners.

Diet articles. (1)	Prisoners of Rice diet. Labouring prisoners. (2)	Prisoners of Rice diet. Non-labouring prisoners. (3)	Prisoners of Mixed diet. Labouring prisoners. (4)	Prisoners of Mixed diet. Non-labouring prisoners. (5)
Firewood	1 lb.	1 lb.	1 lb.	1 lb.
Rice	8 oz.	8 oz.	3 oz.	3 oz.
Wheat or millet	8 ,,	6 ,,	13 ,,	11 ,,
Dhall	5 ,,	4 ,,	5 ,,	4 ,,
Tamarind	½ ,,	½ ,,	½ ,,	½ ,,
Curry powder	¼ ,,	¼ ,,	¼ ,,	¼ ,,
Salt	1-1/16 ,,	1-1/16 ,,	1-1/16 ,,	1-1/16 ,,
Onions	½ ,,	1-1/16 ,,	1-1/16 ,,	½ ,,
Vegetables	8 ,,	8 ,,	8 ,,	8 ,,
Potatoes	2 ,,	.	2 ,,	..
Oil	½ ,,	½ oz.	½ ,,	½ oz.
Groundnut kernels	2 ,,	2 ,,	2 ,,	2 ,,
Jaggery	½ ,,	½ ,,	½ ,,	½ ,,
Milk for conversion into butter-milk.	2¾ ,,	2¾ ..	2¾ ,,	2¾ ,,

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APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 1383 asked by Sri A. Ratnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 13th August 1954, page 646 supra.]

Serial number and name of the concern to which aid has been granted. (1)	*Year in which granted.* (2)	*Whether the firms fulfilled the conditions.* (3)	*Whether repaid annual instalments on due dates.* (4)	*If not, what action has been taken.* (5)
1 The Industrial and Commercial Syndicate, Madras-7.	1948	The purposes for which the loan was given were fulfilled.	Has repaid the first three instalments of loan. But has defaulted in the repayment of the fourth and fifth instalments of loan.	The company has applied for extension of time for repayment of the fourth and fifth instalments of loan. It is under the consideration of the Government.
2 Sri K. S. Ananthanarayanan, No. 27/28, Nachiappa Chetty Street, Mylapore, Madras.	1949	Do.	Yes	
3 Sri M. Ratnam, Proprietor, Ratnam Industrial Works, Vepery, Madras.	1950	Do.	Yes	
4 Messrs. Iris Manufactures, Limited, Armenian Street, Madras-1.	1950	As the accounts of the firm were not available for verification, it is not possible to say whether the purposes for which the loan was given have been fulfilled or not.	Has repaid the first instalment of loan but has defaulted in the repayment of the second and third instalments of loan.	The Director of Industries and Commerce has been asked to take necessary action to recover the loan.
5 Mdaras Rubber Factory, Madras..	1951	The purposes for which the loan was given were fulfilled.	Yes	
6 The South India Carbonic Gas Industries, Limited, Tiruvottiyur High Road, Madras.	1951	Do.	No. Has not repaid the first and second instalments of loan.	The Director of Industries and Commerce is taking necessary action for the recovery of dues due to Government.

7 Messrs. Vummidiar (Manufactures), Limited, Madras.	1951	The purposes for which the loan was given were fulfilled.	Yes —	
8 Sri G. Ghaganlal, Proprietor, Damodhar Envelope Factory, Madras.	1951	Do.	Yes —	
9 Sri C. Vedachalam, Proprietor, Fine Hose Manufacturers Syndicate, Georgetown, Madras.	1953	As the loan was disbursed only recently, the accounts of the firm have not yet been verified.	Does not arise as repayment of first annual instalment falls due on 1st January 1955.	Does not arise.
10 Sri C. Subbiah, Proprietor, Sree Radhakrishna Hosiery Factory, Mannady, Madras.	1954	Do.	Does not arise as repayment of first annual instalment falls due on 1st April 1955.	Do.

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APPENDIX V.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 1385 asked by Sri A. Ratnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 13th August 1954, page 646 supra.]

Note showing the particulars of the scheme started by the Government of Madras for the utilization of the Grant-in-aid for the removal of untouchability.

Provision of multi-purpose cement platforms for Harijan families.—A community centre to provide enlightenment and entertainment regularly and as a place for social celebrations like weddings is likely to create a collective consciousness, as well to serve a strongly felt need. In every village where there are more than 20 Harijan families a community centre will be organized. A decently sized cement floor will be built in all the villages covered by the scheme. The floor would not be more than one foot above the ground level and the spot selected would be such as to be useful for variety purposes. When a pandal roof is put up over it during festival or other occasions it would serve as a convenient pavilion. This will be near the Harijan houses but will also be accessible to caste-Hindus and others. This will serve as a play platform for children and as a drying yard for grains, etc. For this, the cost, if labour is provided free, is estimated at Rs. 500.

2. *Equipment.*—Every centre will have—

(1) standard equipment;

(2) a standard programme of activities;

(3) a standard organization which will be of a committee of five, of which three will be Harijans and two non-Harijans interested in Harijan Welfare. The village headman will be the secretary of the committee everywhere. The equipment may consist of

(*a*) a radio set,

(*b*) a library; in any case, some periodicals may be available for reading, and

(*c*) an adult literacy centre.

3. *Programme.*—The standard programme will be of functions on every Saturday of the month in which all the Harijans and their sympathizers will participate.

The programme will be—

First Saturday—Bhajans.

Second Saturday—Reading from religious books.

Third Saturday—Reading on general subjects and dramas, other entertainments, games and sports.

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30th of the month—Which is already celebrated as 'Harijan Day' will replace the fourth Saturday and will be devoted to the existing programme of worship in the temple, sharing of common services and facilities like wells, public choultries, hostels, hair-cutting saloons, etc.

4. *Organization.*—Village headmen will be responsible for organizing these community centres within a time fixed.

They will also help in constituting the village committees. They will maintain a log-book for each centre in which activities including the attendance at the various weekly functions will be recorded. A sum of Rs. 500 will be allocated to each district for distribution as rewards to village headmen who have rendered meritorious service.

5. The next unit in the organization is the taluk which will have a taluk committee consisting of the nominees of the Harijan Sevak Sangh and presided over by the Tahsildar. At district level, the existing Harijan Welfare Committee will be the controlling body, being augmented by one representative of the Harijan Sevak Sangh. He will be designated as District Harijan Sevak in charge of community centres on an honorarium of Rs. 150 per mensem. He will be assisted by Deputy Sevaks of the grade of Revenue Inspectors at the rate of one for organizing hundred community centres. The Deputy Sevaks will be attached to taluk committees.

6. *Miscellaneous.*—To create the proper psychology among non-Harijans, the following will be done :—

(1) To interest the youth and thinking section of the public, annual competitions will be held for the best short stories, plays and other writings on the theme 'Harijans are of our own flesh, as gentle, as good and as great'. Separate competitions will be held for adults, children and students. An amount of Rs. 3,000 will be set apart for this purpose.

(2) A monthly periodical in Tamil devoted to advancing Harijan interests and giving Harijan news will be started. If independent issue will be too expensive it will be a supplement to some well-known paper of wide circulation which will undertake to publicise the news and views of special importance to Harijans.

(3) Posters will be printed but it will be of advantage to have the posters printed by the Government of India for the whole country with captions in different languages.

APPENDIX VI.

[Vide answer to unstarred question No. 223 asked by Sri D. Krishnamurthy Gounder at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 13th August 1954, page 684 supra.]

ANNEXURE A.

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE PAID TO OFFICIALS.

Districts.	*Months and amount paid in each.*												*Total.*
	April 1952.	*May* 1952.	*June* 1952.	*July* 1952.	*August* 1952.	*September* 1952.	*October* 1952.	*November* 1952.	*December* 1952.	*January* 1953.	*February* 1953.	*March* 1953.	
	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.		RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.
Madras	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil.	..
Chingleput ..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	..	..	Nil.	..
South Arcot ..	18 0	18 0	18 0	..	18 0	18 9	9 3	9 3	16 14	8 7	16 14	16 14	168 0
North Arcot ..	..	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil.	..
Tiruchirappalli ..	..	..	..	..	Do.	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.	..
Tanjore	..	..	..	..	Do.	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.	..
Madurai	..	..	..	..	Do.	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.	..
Ramnanathapuram	..	120 0	..	..	106 8	..	..	..	97 6	..	..	..	323 14
Tirunelveli	..	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil.
Salem	63 9	7 14	19 9	..	..	70 11	18 0	28 14	71 4	53 10	42 1	26 4	401 12
The Nilgiris ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30 11	..	..	30 11
Coimbatore ..	..	..	30 12	..	..	..	27 11	..	..	..	..	..	58 7
South Kanara ..	46 9	5 4	5 4	..	33 13	21 12	..	29 11	5 4	49 9	..	..	197 2
Malabar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil.
Total of each month.	128 2	151 2	73 9	..	158 5	111 0	54 14	67 12	190 12	142 5	58 15	43 2	1,179 14

ANNEXURE B.

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE PAID TO NON-OFFICIALS.

Districts.	*Months and amount paid in each.*												Total.
	April 1952.	May 1952.	June 1952.	July 1952.	August 1952.	September 1952.	October 1952.	November 1952.	December 1952.	January 1953.	February 1953.	March 1953.	
	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.
Madras	..	..	..	..	..	Nil	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Chingleput ..	91 4	82 4	44 10	87 10	112 2	94 6	64 10	82 8	52 4	82 12	53 8	47 4	895 2
South Arcot ..	..	..	..	..	69 0	..	143 2	70 0	149 8	..	159 5	250 8	841 7
North Arcot ..	..	..	..	..	Nil	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Tiruchirappalli ..	..	..	104 10	..	..	..	95 0	134 13	..	..	..	41 8	375 15
Tanjore	..	..	..	..	Nil	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Madurai	..	..	..	..	Nil	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Ramanathapuram.	..	..	..	..	Nil	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Tirunelveli ..	..	..	..	..	..	69 6	..	..	58 14	..	..	59 12	188 0
Salem	175 8	348 6	..	103 2	..	242 10	..	..	287 10	41 4	50 10	..	1,249 2
The Nilgiris ..	37 14	124 8	109 2	..	98 4	75 6	94 2	73 8	73 8	62 4	31 14	45 0	825 6
Coimbatore ..	..	..	..	..	..	22 0	..	..	..	11 0	19 8	..	52 8
South Kanara ..	..	..	..	229 8	136 8	..	..	..	57 0	60 0	4 8	95 4	582 12
Malabar	75 12	..	326 0	..	277 0	..	66 14	..	84 14	..	281 2	..	1,111 10
Total of each month.	380 6	555 2	584 6	420 4	692 14	503 12	463 12	360 13	763 13	357 4	600 7	539 14	6,121 14

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APPENDIX VII.

[Vide item V (4) at page 710 supra.]

L.C. BILL No. 9 OF 1954.

(As passed by the Council on the 12th August 1954.)

A Bill to provide for and validate the grant of temporary permissions for the installation of oil engines in areas within the jurisdiction of local authorities in the State of Madras.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for and validate the grant of temporary permissions for the installation of oil engines in areas within the jurisdiction of local authorities in the State of Madras :

BE it enacted in the Fifth Year of Our Republic as follows :—

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Madras Installation of Oil Engines (Temporary Permission) Act, 1954.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Madras.

(3) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st May 1953.

2. *Grant of temporary permission for installation of oil engines.*—(1) Where a person who has lawfully installed in any premises, whether in a residential area or not, any machinery or manufacturing plant driven by electric power, applies for permission to install an oil engine to generate power for working such machinery or plant, the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, the Municipal Council, the District Board or the Panchayat, as the case may be, may grant permission to such person to install such an oil engine.

(2) Permission granted under sub-section (1) shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of the grant and, subject to that condition, shall be deemed to be permission granted by the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, the Municipal Council, the District Board or the Panchayat, as the case may be, under the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919 (Madras Act IV of 1919), the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920 (Madras Act V of 1920), the Madras District Boards Act, 1920 (Madras Act XIV of 1920), or the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950 (Madras Act X of 1950).

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